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RideFinders doles out area clean-air awards

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Maryville woman who drives to East St. Louis, takes MetroLink to Forest Park and then bicycles to Creve Coeur was one of those recognized for their contribution to help clean up the region's air.

Deb Wess, an employee of Computer Sales International in Creve Coeur, Mo., was the winner of the Award for Commuting by Bicycle given by RideFinders at its annual Clean Air Recognition Awards Luncheon Friday.

Twenty-four awards were given to individuals, companies and the media.

Jane Smith, director of the program, said those honored made a "tremendous" difference in air quality in the past year.

"The RideFinders program has done tremendously this year," she said. "We've seen the data base soar to more than 12,000 people in

"We are definitely getting the word out about ridesharing, and the benefits it brings to commuters."

Jane Smith
program director

the system.

"We've got more than 3,500 individuals that are actually registered for car pooling or van pooling, and now we're starting to get... other individuals with alternative modes registered as well," she said. "We are definitely getting the word out about ridesharing, and the

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The Nativity scene at the 'Way of Lights' Christmas display.

Tower Grove puts on first display

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

Greg Gelzinnis is getting the jitters. Opening night is getting closer.

The Kiwanis Fantasy of Lights premieres Saturday, Nov. 29 in Tower Grove Park for neighborhood residents. A half-million lights will brighten the night starting at 5 p.m. Fantasy of Lights will open to the pub-

LIGHT SHOWS

lic Nov. 30.

Gelzinnis is coordinating the first-year display and driving back and forth between south St. Louis and another display he coordinates, Celebration of Christmas, in Alton, Ill.

"As you go on and it gets later, the list of things to do

gets smaller, but the details are greater," Gelzinnis says. The Metro East resident admits to some nervousness. Is the color scheme right on the sets? Do the snow scenes really resemble a winter wonderland?

What if someone turns on the lights and... nothing?

"I think just like any performance, there's a certain

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Must be Santa

Saint Nick makes return on Friday

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Santa Claus is coming to town Friday.

The jolly man himself is riding in the day after Thanksgiving to set up his workshop at the park on Neidringhaus Avenue.

The parade begins at 4 p.m. Friday with a lineup at Granite City High School parking lot starting at 3.

The parade will precede down Madison Avenue to the park, where Santa will turn on the Christmas lights for Santa's Holiday Avenue.

Other events are scheduled for Friday, including carolers, carriage rides and photographs with Santa Claus.

Santa's Holiday Avenue is new this year. A committee made up of community leaders, city officials, business owners and interested parties have been busy for months readying the downtown area, especially the park, for the Christmas season.

The group secured money from the downtown tax increment financing district to use as seed money to buy

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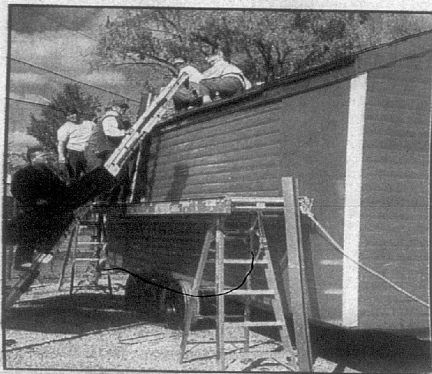


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Sheet metal workers make repairs to the Santa House roof early this month.

FDA to change warning labels

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Recent warnings by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and changes in packaging and warnings on some children's pain medications underscore a basic fact — one must read the labels carefully, even on over-the-counter medications.

The FDA announced Nov. 14 that it intends to require an alcohol warning on all over-the-counter pain relievers, including aspirin, other salicylates, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen sodium.

The warnings advise that people drinking three or more alcoholic beverages daily should ask their doctor's advice on over-the-counter pain

"With alcohol it decreases the liver's ability to handle the breakdown products (of the drug)."

Glen Kohnz
SEMC pharmacy director

relievers. McNeil Consumer Products Co., the makers of Children's Tylenol and Children's Motrin, recently announced they are changing the packaging on the drugs to include more warnings about use and dosage.

Locally, Glen Kohnz, director of the pharmacy at St.

Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, said that with the upcoming cold and flu season, it is very important to read labels and know what you are taking.

The FDA proposal follows an extensive study on the effects of alcohol consumption on pain medication users. The proposed warnings are designed to alert consumers about the specific risks that may be posed by the interaction of heavy alcohol consumption and the pain relievers.

The proposed rule opens up a 90-day comment period in which the public can respond to the agency's proposal.

The comments will be used to develop the final rule, which would go into effect six months

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John Fuller, Meteorologist KSDR (News Channel 5)

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Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of those holidays when Americans can truly feel a sense of togetherness. Whether our ancestors came to America on the Mayflower or made their way here by hook or by crook at a later date, somehow we feel a "connection" to those hardy adventurers and the American Indians who celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

We hope that all of our readers spend this holiday surrounded by family and friends. And for those who are alone, do something special for yourself. Cook a tasty meal, curl up on the couch and read a good book or watch a special video. It's a day for all to enjoy. From our "house" to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

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Special Christmas section inside today's Journal

If it's Thanksgiving Day, it must be time to look forward to Christmas.

With that thought in mind, this special Thanksgiving Day edition of the Journal presents a special look toward the holiday season: Inside, in Section D, is our

special Christmas Magazine, a 12-page section of news, features and ads to get you ready for the holiday season. So, please enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday, then give our special Christmas section a look. Happy Holidays!

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By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Passengers flying into or out of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport last week may have experienced up to three-hour delays.

Rick Hargrove, MidAmerica Airport director, said bad weather forced the closure of TWA and Southwest Airlines operations personnel are conducting a weather alternate.

MidAmerica was built with Federal funds for bad weather landings in the area. Because of the distance between the airport and the simultaneous landing of two runways, it is not possible at MAA even when pilots are told to use visual approaches and landings. "Something that Lambert can accommodate because of its close proximity of its two runways."

Kevin Jastrebsky, reservation manager and supervisor for TWA, said alternate

landing sites are used when airplanes are diverted in mid-flight due to inclement weather. Jastrebsky said airplanes are diverted to other airports, sometimes diverted to Chicago, Springfield, Mo., and other cities.

Rich Saugat, a member of the St. Clair County Building Commission, said county officials eventually will build a TWA, Southwest and other airports, using Mid-America Airport as an example of a good site during bad weather delays.

"It would take capital investment," he said, "to accommodate those airlines," he said.

Saugat said before air services are contracted at MAA, ground services need to be completed, including the airport's terminal.

"You have to have a terminal when you park your airplane," he said. "You have to have a terminal to walk people into. Until ground

Sauget speculates the terminal will be ready for business something like 1985.

Sauget said before simultaneous instrument landings which are "hot" strips, bad weather can occur, air strips must be 4,300 feet apart, "hot" strips are 3,400 feet apart, whereas MAA's are 7,000 feet apart.

"If you have two strips, it's better to have them 7,000 feet apart than to have them 3,400 feet apart," he said.

"If you have bad weather days," Sauget said, "you can't have two strips."

St. Clair County board chairman, John J. Lamb, said the FAA, the Federal Aviation Administration, is not planning to allow simultaneous instrument landings until the weather is good.

"The expansion is not expected to be complete until the year 2000," he said.

MidAmerica's not a panacea. It won't solve all their problems, but it gives them an option," Baricewicz said.



Frohardt School first graders Dustin Grace, left, and Ryan Lockridge, right, race across the floor of the school's gymnasium on scooter boards during physical education class recently.

The IRS is looking for both volunteer individuals and organizations to help prepare tax returns free of charge under its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program during the 1998 filing season.

New volunteers are trained by IRS tax specialists. They should have some time available in January to take a three- to five-day training course on individual tax laws. Day, evening or weekend

classes can be arranged. After completing the class, volunteers will spend two hours a week preparing returns for a local VITA organization. For information, call (312) 886-4609 or (217) 527-6366.

Hey, kids! Santa is trying to keep up with the communications revolution taking place around the globe and he needs your help. For years, regular delivery of mail to the North Pole meant ol' St. Nick could keep up with toy requests from young people.

diversions have cut down on the number of letters Santa receives. With Christmas just a few weeks away, you still can send the jolly little man in red a message. And, your Journal newspaper is going to help.

Illinois, Belleville, 62220. Or, if you're online, send Santa an e-mail at westnews@primary.com.

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

While the unemployment rate is at a low for recent years, the holiday season will still be a tough one for many area families.

It's a thought that members of the Downtown Collinsville Business Association and the Collinsville Area Ministerial Association hope area residents keep in mind as they do their Christmas shopping. The groups are collecting food and toys for the area's less fortunate through their annual drive.

Collection boxes are located in businesses all over the city for the drive, which officially begins Friday and ends Dec. 19. Both non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys or other gifts can be left in the boxes.

All of the toys collected will be on display at Central Park Jan. 1.

A lot of people are working for less than they were before and that means that the holiday will be less than it has been for some families," said Margie Piquard, president of the Prudential One Realty Centre in Collinsville and DCBA drive chairman. "One person can't make much of a difference but a bunch of us can work together and really do a lot."

The city council targets youngsters from birth to 16. For the littler people, Piquard suggests some obvious toys.

"Legos are always a hit with the boys and anything Barbie is good for a little girl," Piquard said. "Games are great, too, because they encourage family participation." Characters from Disney movies or other animated figures are always welcome, too. Older children need a holiday boost, too, and even a frivolous gift or two can provide it for

"A lot of people are working for less than they did before and that means that the holiday will be less or even nonexistent for some families."

Marge Piquard
drive chairwoman

Youngsters of any size can always use practical items like hygiene products or winter gear such as hats, scarfs or gloves.

Another program that tries to make the holidays bright for area children is the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots." A Maryville business is among collection sites.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Kurt's CarStar Collision Service, 5 Mueller Drive. Hours for drop-off are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. By giving to the USMC program, donors can participate in a raffle where they are eligible for gifts certificates and other prizes.

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Bi-State begins new operations

Effective Dec. 1, Madison County Transit District will assume the operation of several bus routes using its new fleet of low-floor transit coaches painted white with green and black stripes and an MCT logo. The transit district will operate the:

- #515X Godfrey Express
- #503 Collinsville-Edwardsville (most trips)
- #531 Pontoon Ltd #530 Granite City-E. St. Louis (most weekdays and Saturday trips)
- #532 Granite City Ltd.
- #554X Collinsville-Edwardsville Express
- The #503 Collinsville-Edwardsville will have a new name and number effective Dec. 1 - the #18 Collinsville Metrobus. The #18 route will remain the same from SIU-Edwardsville to the Fairmont Race Track but will not deviate via Anderson Hospital. Just west of the race track, the route will access Interstates 55/70 via Black Lane, exiting the freeway at the 3rd Street exit, then travel via Missouri to the 8th & Missouri MetroLink station.
- Bi-State will operate weekday evening, Saturday evening and all Sunday service on the

#530, whose new name and number will be the #5 Tri-City Metrobus.

• The #5 route will be changed to use St. Louis Avenue instead of Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis and 18th and/or 19th Streets instead of Niedringhaus in Granite City. The trips which Bi-State will operate will extend North via Rt 111 from Pontoon Road to Engineer Road. Inbound trips will deviate to the Granite City campus at Belleville Area College.

• Bi-State will continue to operate the #503 Edwardsville Express (Glen Carbon); #552X Highland-Troy Express and the #514 Bethalto Express.

For route, schedule and fare information about Madison County Transit bus service, call Madison County Transit at 931-7433, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The committee worked well together. All worked extra hard," she said.

The Santa's Holiday Avenue committee and their special-

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Leroy Pryor, retired Granite City



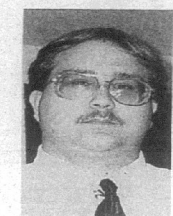
"This year we plan to all get together at my house. This is friends and family. We have the usual turkey and all the fixings."

Bill Schermer, Schermers Garden Shop Granite City



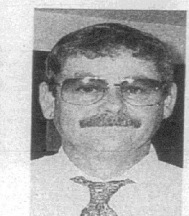
"I will have turkey dinner at a friend's house with my kids, then I go to my family's home for the evening."

Delores Tester, secretary Granite City



"I like spending Thanksgiving with all my family but mostly with my wife, Mary."

Jeff Gibson, account manager Granite City



"I like to spend my Thanksgiving Day with all my family and watch a little football and try not to eat too much and just plain relax."

Gary Hibbs, assistant manager Granite City

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Santa

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decorations, lights and fix up the Santa House. Numerous merchants and other residents donated to Santa's Holiday Avenue.

Some of the decorations include figures made from lights and giant-size children's building blocks.

"We have a lot of good people (on the committee) — doers, not talkers," said the group's chairman, Judy Whitaker, Granite City city clerk.

"The committee worked well together. All worked extra hard," she said.

The Santa's Holiday Avenue committee and their special-

ties include:

Whitaker, co-chairman Roberta Barham; Maggie Mayhall, treasurer; Sandy Shaw, secretary; Brian Fuzessery, flags; Brad Evenson and Tom Candler, lighting; Dave McFarland, rehabilitation; Shirley Valencia, publicity; Mark Korte, Linda Wood and Sharon Parker, advertising; George Popmarkoff, electrical work; Mike Gerboe, Ed Kirby, Judy Knapp and Alan Pieper, displays; Diana Naney, decorating; and Carol Holten, costume designs.

Many people and groups have already agreed to be in next year's parade, Whitaker said.

Additional events scheduled for Santa's Holiday Avenue include the Granite City Community Band playing from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the Seven Sisters from St. Louis will carol at the Santa House on and off all day long.

The Granite City High School Swing Choir will entertain in December, as well as a group from Coolidge Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18. Gail Miller's group will entertain from 6 to 7 p.m. the same day.

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Celebration planned at IB historic site

By Jim Merkel
Staff writer

A trip to the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site the weekend of Dec. 13 and 14 will take the visitor to Christmas in the Civil War and World War II, to an old-time kitchen and to the holocaust in Nazi Germany.

It also will take that visitor to a temporary post office, where he can buy a special Jefferson Barracks cancellation and a commemorative cachet from the U.S. Postal Service.

It's Holiday at the Barracks, a celebration promising something for grandpa, grandma, dad, mom and the kids.

"The Holiday in the Barracks is a tradition that Jefferson Barracks County Park has had for quite some time," said J.D. Magurany, director of the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site.

"It's a lot to cram into a weekend," said Glenda Stockton, president of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks, the sponsor of Holiday at the Barracks.

The special celebration starts each day at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. at the visitor center.

From 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, a "Jefferson Barracks Station" of the U.S. Postal Service will offer a special "Holiday at the Barracks" cancellation and commemorative cachet.

This will be attractive to veterans who spent time at Jefferson Barracks in World War II and mailed letters from a post office there, Magurany said.

"It's a crossroads in their life that they recognized," he said.

But there will be more to do than just stand at a table and buy stamps.

Re-enactors from the French and Indian War through World War II will show how they spent Christmas.

At the Old Ordnance Room, local veterans of the the Battle of the Bulge will be available to lead people

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In our November 27 - 29 sale circular, the Kodak Advantix 2100 APS camera is advertised on page 17 for \$99.99 with a \$15.00 mail-in rebate offer. Due to an inadvertent error the Yashica Profile Zoom QD is incorrectly pictured next to the written description of the Kodak Advantix 2100 APS Camera.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Scott
EVELYN DULAN SCOTT, 91, of Madison died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1997 at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville.
Survivors include one daughter, Freda Henry of Decatur; one grandchild, and a devoted neighbor, George Smith.
Services were Monday, Nov. 24 at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Madison with the Rev. Randore Foggs officiating. Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Tommy Gage
TOMMY "JD." GAGE, 74, of Granite City died at 1:49 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Nov. 13, 1923 in Berryville, Ark.
Mr. Gage was self-employed as a truck driver. He was a member of Granite City Four Square Church.
Survivors include his wife, Jean

S. Gage (nee Elsner); one daughter, Vanessa Nallelo of Alton; two brothers, Carl Gage of Branson, Mo., and Cecil Gage of Calais, Calif.; two sisters, Patsy Vance of York, Calif., and Mildred Gage of Berryville, Ark.; and two grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Eva (nee McKinney) Gage; one brother and two sisters.
Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Leon Belt and the Rev. Parker officiating.
Memorials may be made to the family.

Lucille Foehee
LUCILLE L. FOEHEE, 85, of Granite City died at 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997. She was born June 14, 1912 in Nameoki Township.
Ms. Foehee was formerly employed at Granite City Steel in the financial department. She was a member of Granite City Steel Women's Association and taught Sunday

School at Concordia Lutheran Church where she was a member.
Survivors include a sister, Elvora Foehee of Granite City.
Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Mercer Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Arrangements were handled by Thomas Mortuaries Ltd. Burial was at Sunset Hill.
Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church.

Vasta Williams
VASTA CLEVELAND WILLIAMS, 101, of Friendswood, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997. She was born July 22, 1896 in Walcott, Ark.
Mrs. Williams was a long-time resident of Madison, where she was a member and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church in Madison.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen Pansy Grace and a son, Roy Eugene Williams, both of Friendswood; a daughter-in-law, Tewa Williams of Greenville, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Lettie Higgins of Little Rock and Maxine Dacus of Madison; one grandchild; seven great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Tan Williams, whom she married Aug. 26, 1912; her son, Luther Darrell Williams; two infant daughters; two brothers, Darrell Wilcoxon and Glenn Dacus; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Walcott, Ark., with the Rev. Paul Davis officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery.
Minnie Jones
MINNIE VENITA JONES, 88, of Highland died at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born Dec. 26, 1910 in

Algre, Mo.
Mrs. Jones was a homemaker.
Survivors include two daughters, Ruth M. Brown of Granite City and Shirley A. Mueller of Highland; three sons, James R. Jones of St. Louis, Tom E. Jones of Spartan Lake and David E. Jones of Paris, Mo.; one sister, Beulah Tracchiot of St. Louis; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward C. Jones, whom she married Sept. 2, 1926; and one son, Robert Lawrence Jones.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland with the Rev. Leonard E. Pye officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.
Memorials may be made to HIS KIDS Inc.
Leo Schmersahl
LEO C. SCHMERSAHL, 84, of O'Fallon, Mo., died Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997. He was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Madison.
Mr. Schmersahl was a accom-

tant, and retired from Contel, now GTE, in Wentzville, Mo. He also worked at Dreesel Dairy in Granite City. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of Assumption Catholic Church in O'Fallon, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice (Greendorn) Schmersahl of O'Fallon, whom he married Nov. 30, 1936; sister-in-law Dorothy Cobbleigh of Caseyville; three sons, Rich Schmersahl of O'Fallon, Mo., Tom Schmersahl of Bloomington and Bob Schmersahl of Lake St. Louis; and seven grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Bertha Schmersahl.
Services were Wednesday at Assumption Catholic Church, Third and Main in O'Fallon, Mo. Burial followed at the Assumption Parish Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to Assumption Church Building Fund, in care of Baue Funeral Home.

Light shows blanket metro area

The Stars of Light holiday light displays are throughout the metropolitan area. Times, locations and costs are as follows:

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 28
Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, 5-9 p.m.
Rock Spring Park, Alton, Ill. (618/466-8888)
Description: More than 1 million lights, 30 displays, a 300-foot tunnel and numerous added attractions for 1997.
Admission: \$5 per car and van, \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.
Directions: Alton, Ill. Clark Bridge, east on Broadway, north on Washington, west on College.

WAY OF LIGHTS
Friday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Jan. 4
5-10 p.m. nightly
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Ill. (618/397-6700 or 314/241-3400)
Description: One million

white lights, illuminated life-size statues, indoor displays, Christmas choirs, restaurant, motel and gift shop.

Admission: Free.
Directions: Belleville, Ill. I-255 to Exit 17A

KIWANIS FANTASY OF LIGHTS

Monday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 28
Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, 5-9 p.m.
Tower Grove Park, St. Louis (314/466-8888)
Description: A "Dickens-like" display with more than 500,000 lights. Period displays, acres of decorated trees and a visit with Santa Claus.
Admission: \$5 per car or van, \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.
Directions: St. Louis, I-44, south on Grand Boulevard.

WINTER WONDERLAND
Friday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Jan. 4
Sunday-Friday, 6-10 p.m.
Closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
Tilles County Park, St. Louis

(314/355-7374)
Description: Jack Frost area and an animal area. Santas from around the world and more.
Admission: \$6 per family vehicle, \$20 per commercial van and \$50 per tour bus.
Directions: I-64 (Hwy. 40), south on McKnight Road

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Friday, Nov. 28 to Tuesday, Dec. 30
Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 6:30-10 p.m.
(Closed Dec. 9, 24 and 25)
Fort Zumwalt Park, O'Fallon, Mo. (314/240-5555 Ext. 406)
Description: 50 scenes and more than 1 million lights.
Admission: \$7 a vehicle with seven persons or less; \$1 for each additional person. Walk through, Dec. 9, 6-9 p.m. \$2 per person.
Directions: O'Fallon, Mo. I-70 to Bryan Road. Exit south, go east on South Outer Road.

include fewer ground

scenes than the Alton display, but plenty of colorful, well-lighted trees.

"Mother Nature has given us a great canvas," Gelzinnis says.

About a dozen volunteers are putting the displays together, including workers from the Illuminating Engineers Society.

Admission to Fantasy of Lights will be \$5 per car or \$1 per person for groups. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Eighty percent of the proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Foundation; the rest will go to Tower Grove Park.

Kiwanis Clubs' charitable efforts focus on children. One other project is Camp Wyman for disadvantaged youth.

Kiwanis Clubs also do some charitable work that

Awards

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benefits it brings to communities.

The number of coordinators at companies participating in the RideFinders program has more than doubled, to 150 from 74 last year.

Other awards include: Don Cozart of Stanton, Ill., an employee of the Boeing Co., who has been a RideFinder for 17 years. Cozart's group of 13 commuters travel 103 miles each work day.
Car pooling — Stacy Turnbull and Tina Warren, both of Stanton. Employees of the Frick Co. the two began car pooling two years ago and travel 110 miles each day.
Commuting by Mass Transit — Shari Smith of Venedy, Ill., commutes 45 miles one way to her job as an executive secretary at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri. She drives 18 miles to the nearest bus, which takes her to the East St. Louis MetroLink Station. She then rides to Union Station and walks three blocks to her office.

benefits senior citizens.

After the holidays, all the lights are carefully packed away and put into storage until Christmas '98.

Of course, Gelzinnis never quite gets Christmas out of his mind. The steering committee for Celebration of Christmas meets in March.

"Putting up the lights and then taking them off is about three months," Gelzinnis says. "Once you really get into it, though, it's a nine-month proposition."

Telecommuting — Scott Beck of St. Charles, Mo., who works out of the main office of the United Way in St. Louis. He telecommutes at the Work-Link Telecommuting Center in St. Peters an average of three days per week.

Outstanding Employee — Tracy Swope of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Outstanding new ETC of the Year — Michelle Beter of the Frick Co.

Outreach and Education Award — Washington University Medical Center Transportation Management Association.

Public Awareness — The St. Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership and the American

Lung Association of Eastern Missouri.

Award for Outstanding Commitment — Bi-State Development Agency.

Best On-going Promotion of RideSharing — Shirley Eichten Albrecht, executive director of the Creve Coeur Transportation Management Organization.

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New members of the 25 Year Club include, from left: Donald Miller, Larry H. Neal, Sylvester Hyde, Terry Pitchford, Raymond L. Grieve, Oral Starbuck. Not pictured: Arthur G. King.

American Steel honors new 25 Year Club membership

American Steel Foundries 54th Annual 25 Year Club Meeting and Banquet was held Nov. 5 at the Croation Hall in Madison.

The 1997 Club President, Donald Lane, presided over the meeting, which included approximately 246 members.

John Worries, Plant Manager and chairman of the club, presented 25-year service awards to seven of the nine new members who were inducted into the Granite City Chapter.

They are as follows: Raymond L. Grieve, Sylvester

TRI-CITIES

Hyde, Arthur G. King, Donald Miller, Larry H. Neal, Terry L. Pitchford, and Oral Starbuck.

Douglas H. Berning and Franklin S. McKeown, Jr., were unable to attend the meeting.

The 25 Year Club was instituted in December of 1944, for the promotion of good fellowship among employees who have had at least 25 years of service with American Steel

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Over-the-counter medicines can be harmful

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

People who regularly use over-the-counter pain relievers containing acetaminophen need to be especially careful about accidental overdoses when taking cold and flu medicines.

Because many of those types of medicines also contain Acetaminophen, people can accidentally overdose — causing liver damage — said Glen Kohz, pharmacy director at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

People taking more than 4,000 milligrams of Acetaminophen per day over an extended period of time can develop liv-

er damage.

"The thing that people really have to be aware of is that many medicines are multi-drug," he said. "It's all additive, so they may not realize they are getting more Acetaminophen than they should."

He said cough, cold and flu medicines need to be watched.

"They just throw everything in there," he said.

One of the problems with the potential liver damage is that symptoms "sneak up" on people and then disappear. When those symptoms reappear later, the damage has already been done.

"You could have these little insults to your liver, not know

it and then have real problems," he said. "Most of the damage is irreversible, but you do have a lot of liver."

Another concern for children is Reye's Syndrome, a potentially fatal illness that can be triggered by giving children suffering from fevers medicines containing aspirin.

Kohz said children suffering from fevers should never be given aspirin.

Again, by the time parents realize there is something wrong it can be too late.

He said the bottom line is that people have to read the warnings on all drugs — even over-the-counter — very carefully.

Labels

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after it is published in the Federal Register.

Kohz said the warnings must be taken seriously because the combination of alcohol and acetaminophen — such as Tylenol — can cause liver damage, while combining alcohol with aspirin or ibuprofen can cause internal bleeding.

Acetaminophen is broken down by the liver, he said.

"With alcohol it decreases the liver's ability to handle the breakdown products (of the drug)," he said.

McNeil's changes in warnings include more specific information on dosage.

Those include:

- Changing the front panel of Infants' Tylenol drops to read "Concentrated Drops" instead of "Suspension Drops."

- The addition of the words "Read the instructions carefully" to the front panel.

- Increase the emphasis on the importance of using the specific dosing device that comes with the medication.

- The addition of wording to emphasize that there is no advantage to exceeding the recommended dose.

"Taking more than the recommended dose will not provide more pain or fever relief and could cause serious health

risks."

"We believe that it is important to make more specific dosing information available to parents of children in this age range," said Dr. Anthony R. Temple, executive director of medical affairs for McNeil.

Having dosing guidelines for children under age two printed on the label will be of significant benefit to consumers.

"Not only will the guidelines serve as a reminder of the correct dose, but they will also serve as important reinforcement of the health professionals' instructions," he said.

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Exercise important in winter months

With the arrival of winter, nutrition and exercise become even more important. Cold weather requires us to pay special attention to our health.

Exercise is much easier in warmer months. Longer daylight hours give us more time to take walks, golf or swim. Corner vegetable stands serve as convenient reminders to eat more fruits and vegetables. Now that days are shorter and fresh fruits and vegetables are not as readily available, we need to make a more conscious effort to maintain healthy behavior.

Outdoor exercise can be just as enjoyable in cooler weather, but it requires dressing warmly and keeping extremities covered. Hands, feet and ears are more sensitive to frostbite, and since most of the body's

heat is lost through the uncovered head, it is important to remember a hat.

There are more and more inside athletic clubs, like the YMCA, and numerous private gyms are popping up to help the public stay active. Most have exercise classes, tai chi, aerobics and dance in a variety of levels from beginning to advanced classes. Some clubs even offer private trainers for people looking for individualized routines, developed for their own personal needs.

Water exercises are always popular. Indoor swimming pools allow gyms to offer swimming lessons, water aerobics and year-round training for competitive athletics. Whirlpools and spas are beneficial for people recovering from injuries or arthritis.

Exercise is only half of the equation; nutrition is the other. Hot vegetable soups and stews and fresh baked breads are particularly nice on chilly days and can help you maintain a balanced diet.

While not every fruit is readily available in the cooler season, apples are usually obtainable all year. Juices are a great source of vitamin C. Most fruits come either frozen or canned. However, read the label as some contain more added sugar and syrups than actual fruit.

Many people forget to drink enough fluids. In warmer months we sweat more and are thirstier. This is not so in the cooler seasons. Dehydration can occur any time of the year. Hot coffee and tea are tempting.

Hospice group given McDonald House grant

Family Hospice of Belleville Area has been awarded a grant by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Metro St. Louis to support the establishment of a Children's Bereavement Program.

Family Hospice Development Director Julie Pietroburo said the \$5,550 grant will enable the hospice to better support children who are grieving following the loss of a parent, grandparent or someone close to them.

Funds will be used to purchase interactive materials such as workbooks and journals to aid children in acknowledging and addressing their grief, as well as a collection of books, audiotapes and videotapes dealing with bereavement issues.

The Hospice Heartlinks Program also will broaden the counseling services provided specifically to children.

Pietroburo said counseling by a hospice social worker has been a traditional part of the support provided to family members coping with the loss of a loved one, but additional counseling sessions may now be focused on the needs of children.

Family Hospice of Belleville Area is a community-based, nonprofit agency.

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Stapleton rules at Midwest pageant

Shannon Stapleton competed in the Midwest Rainbow Fantasies National Pageant held in Quincy, Ill. in June. Shannon competed in the 13-15 age division and won all categories in her age division. Shannon received one of the highest honors of the pageant by being named High Point Champion for ages 13-15.

Shannon accumulated the highest total points in all categories for this age group to receive the title. In addition, Shannon was First Runner-Up in the Cover Girl Competition.

Shannon's modeling coach is Rhonda Vest-Nolan. Shannon is a freshman at Granite City High School. She is the daughter of Marv and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City and the grand-



daughter of Rev. Bob and Peggy Jones of Granite City and George and Helen Stapleton of Marion, Ill.

Fun, fund raising offered at festival

By Kelli Hauser
Staff writer

Everything displayed at the Judevine Center's Festival of Trees is special.

One tree, however, is extra-special. Children from the KinderCare Learning Centers of Bridgeton, Maryland Heights and St. Ann made sure of that. The children recently joined forces at Northwest Plaza to spruce up one of the trees for the Children's Forest.

"We're making the decorations for the big Christmas tree," said Gordon Martinez, 4. Gordon was one of the preschoolers who colored ornaments and garland to decorate the tree.

"They're going to put their ornaments on the tree and Santa's going to help," said Sue A. Nappier, who co-chairs

the festival.

For the children, decorating the ornaments gave them a chance to express their creativity.

Connor Williams, 4, said she can't wait for her mom to see her ornaments when they visit the Festival of Trees, which opens Monday.

"My mom used to do this all the time and she let me color," Connor said. "I'm doing great."

Damon Oglesby, 4, decorated his snowflake garland with smiley faces because it looked good. Santa, who commended the children on their behavior, said all of the ornaments looked excellent.

"I thought they done great," Santa said. "They were swell, I thought."

The event came about through the suggestion of Northwest Plaza officials, who called KinderCare and asked if the children wanted to participate.

"It was kind of neat because all of us surround Northwest Plaza geographically," said Lola Vaughan, director of the St. Ann KinderCare. "I'm just happy that they called, because it's such a neat thing, and the parents shop here all the time."

"It's a cool project for the kids and especially at this level, it teaches them to help someone else."

Lola Vaughan
KinderCare director

Nappier said the event was beneficial to the children and Judevine.

"It's a cool project for the kids and especially at this level, it teaches them to help someone else," she said. "Everybody's got gifts to give, and God made us different for a purpose."

Other trees in the Children's Forest will be decorated with ornaments created by area students, as well. Nappier said all schools within a 50-mile radius received invitations to make ornaments for the tree. All of the students who made ornaments would then receive a free ticket.

The Children's Forest is not the only festival highlight. The Celebrity Junction, a tradition which began at the St. Louis festival, is an annual draw. A display of two-foot-tall trees decorated by local, national and international

celebrities, this year's celebrity junction includes trees decorated by Alan Jackson, Rosie O'Donnell, Julie Andrews, Big Bird and the Prince of Monaco.

"The vast number of people do their own and that's what's fun about it," Nappier said.

Other features include the Holiday Boutique, Gingerbread Village and Kaleidoscope, a place for children to make holiday crafts to take home. In addition, more than 2,000 entertainers from area dance groups, theater groups, choirs, churches, and local schools will provide continuous entertainment.

Northwest Plaza donated the space formerly used by Oshman's SuperSports USA to the Judevine Center for the festival.

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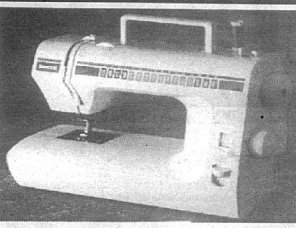
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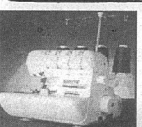
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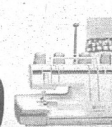
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NEWS

Agency helps families with heating bills

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

With a long, cold winter predicted, thousands of low-income, elderly or disabled people in the St. Louis area will need your help to keep warm.

Dollar-Help Inc., a nonprofit agency, has already provided \$200,000 in grants this year to area social service and community organizations. The agency has only \$37,000 left in the bank, and winter won't begin until next month.

Dollar-Help is a last resort for many people and families who need assistance in paying their heating bills.

Civic leaders from throughout the region made an appeal Thursday for residents to help the agency meet a goal of \$600,000 for 1997-98.

Last year, the program raised slightly more than \$551,000 and spent \$572,182 by drawing from carry-over funds.

The average heating grant per family two years ago was \$185. Last year the average was \$265 per family. The maximum is \$300 per family per year. However, eligible families may receive an additional \$300 for heating bill assistance in crisis situations.

People and businesses may help by simply overpaying \$1 or more on their monthly bills from Laclede Gas Co. or St. Charles Gas Co. Their overpayments automatically will be contributed to Dollar-Help. Residents who are not served by Laclede Gas or St. Charles Gas may send donations in any amount to Dollar-Help, Cass

Bank, P.O. Box 330, St. Louis, Mo., 63166.

Dollar-Help assists any needy person or family who may have difficulty paying delinquent gas, electric, propane or oil heating bills.

Because of early winter-like temperatures, heat-assistance needs will soar this year, said Lynn R. Broeder, vice president and secretary-treasurer of Dollar-Help.

Broeder made the comments during the "We're Bowled Over for Dollar-Help" fundraiser Thursday at Tropicana Lanes, 7960 Clayton Road in Clayton.

The average household income for Dollar-Help recipients is \$6,594 per year, and the average household size is 2.6 people, Broeder said.



Five generations

Recently family members gathered to celebrate five generations. In the front row, from left, are: Luke Thalmann; Ruby Whitson, great-grandmother; and Lyndsey Thalmann. Top row: Vicki Thalmann, holding Libbi Marie; Pauline Hanson, great-grandmother; and Janis Smith, grandmother. Mrs. Whitson is 91 years old and has 10 great-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and 11 grandchildren. The Thalmanns are from Glen Carbon. Smith, Hanson, and Mrs. Whitson are from Granite City.

Barracks

(Continued from Page 1A) through an exhibit on the battle, which started just before Christmas 1944. They are there Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m.

Father Christmas will arrive by carriage at noon Saturday, Dec. 13, with trinkets and candy for the kids. People will be able to take carriage rides on Saturday for \$2 a person.

Suzanne Corbett, a culinary historian, will prepare holiday pastries on a World War II camp stove in the visitor center all weekend. A candy cannon for the kids will go off at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

The Petunia and Garden Club of Lemay will sell items.

Local author and Holocaust survivor Harry Burger will be on hand Sunday, Dec. 14, from noon until 5 p.m., to sell autographed copies of his book, "Blancastelle: A Jewish Partisan in World War II."

Throughout the holidays, the visitor center is a drop-off point for U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" donations. The normal hours of the visitor center are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

To get to the visitor center, people may use the South Broadway entrance.

For more information, call 544-5714.

How to submit articles

Items for the family pages, which include clubs, churches, scouts, and social events, may be directed to the *Press-Record/Journal* at 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040. There is no charge. Please TYPE all articles, and keep them brief. The paper reserves the right to edit all submitted materials for grammar, spelling and length.

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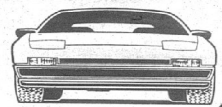
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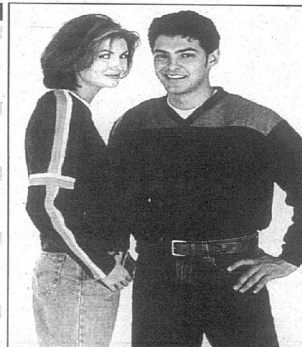
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Thursday, Nov. 27
Happy Thanksgiving! The honest Scorpio moon may encourage us to say what comes to mind, but often, we should hold back! Honesty can sting or it can heal. There is no sense creating hurt feelings, so think first. The Sagittarius sun adds extra fire to our words and intentions. Some folks overreact. The key is in giving no one a reason to do so!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You find the keys to your soul's longings. Set free your resentments and grudges. You see clearly what needs to be done to secure the future of those you love. Follow through



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communicate with those who have been through what you are experiencing. There is no

need to feel embarrassed over this evening's conversation. You are being more real than the rest of them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Your hard work is compensated properly. Gather with friends for fun. Family members are eager to help with anything you need. Good deeds bring long-term rewards. A Leo or Scorpio love interest is favored.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You experience powerful intuition. Your mate sees your point, but don't push it. Common ground is found between you and an adversary. Being in charge gives you confidence, and others respond.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New information should not change your course of action. Don't be fooled by an Aries. Passionless love is hardly worth the effort. Find what makes you light up. Try new ways of giving to family, especially children.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27): A higher income, along

with a change in family circumstances, brings more independence. You're calling the shots this year. Your career reaches the crossroads in the next seven weeks. Decide between a promotion or a new job. Your actions cause a sensation in December. A casual romance in January leads to a serious commitment by June. Your best signs are Taurus and Capricorn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A long-shot comes through. You have a right to money not currently in your possession. Intimacy can be increased when you throw your pride out the window. Beautiful people admire you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Before you give in, make sure you understand the situation.

Don't let new information confuse you. Spurge tonight. Paying attention to your self-esteem is more important than paying attention to your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Why continue a war with your partner or with yourself? Give it a rest! Power elite surround you, and you hear the news firsthand. You'll engage in bright conversation tonight. Small expenditures add up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be sure of your ground before acting on big opportunities. Ask for a Gemini's input. The truth comes out at your workplace, and you clear away old obstacles. Being forgiving is a quick route to success in love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The big love affair resumes. Learn all you can, as it will take you far along your career path. A new business partnership may be the answer to your entrepreneurial dreams. An unexpected adventure comes to find you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Eloquent conversationalists are your best relaxation. Someone new you meet tonight can be a friend forever. Love affairs bring out your creativity. Activities with a child can lead to new romance!

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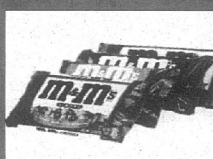
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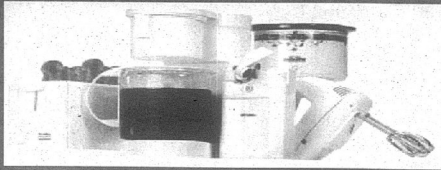


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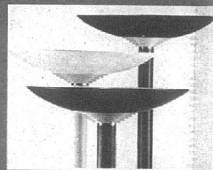
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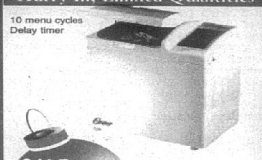
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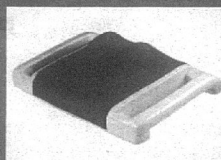


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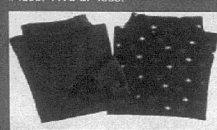


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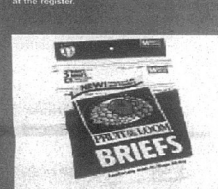
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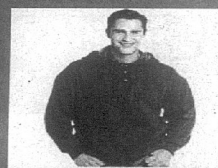
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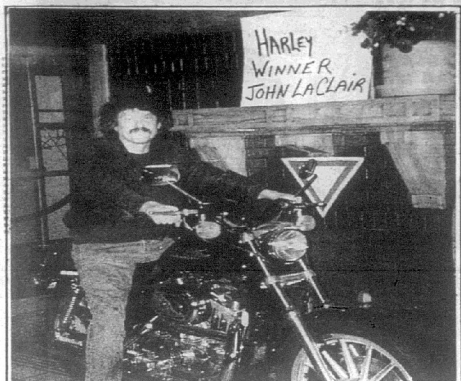
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TRIVIA

Food traditions hard to break

By Kevin Carbery
Correspondent

Must we eat turkey and cranberries each Thanksgiving? Don't get me wrong. Those are tasty foods and Thanksgiving is a fine holiday. I just would like to know why turkey, dressing, cranberries and pumpkin pie are standard fare each and every year at this time.

Just once, how about making sausage and black olive pizza the main course for Thanksgiving?

Being of Irish descent, I see a whole lot of corned beef and cabbage each St. Patrick's Day. Are there no other dishes associated with the Emerald Isle? I can choke down a plate of corned beef and cabbage, but I wish part of St. Patrick's lore were that he barbecued pork steaks while chasing the snakes out of Ireland. That would give us at least one other option for dinner on March 17.

For this week's trivia, the topic is food. Have a happy Thanksgiving, no matter what ends up on your plate.

1. Vinegar. Avery Island salt and chopped capsicum pepper are combined to make what?

2. Pasta originated in which country?

3. In what country was the pretzel

invented?

4. The largest indoor feast ever held was in what country, according to the Guinness Book of Records?

5. Which botanist developed hundreds of uses for the peanut?

6. What is considered the national spice of Hungary?

7. The ice cream cone originated during what event?

8. Chocolate comes from what source?

9. What is the Peach State?

10. What were George Washington's favorite foods?

Answers: 1. Tabasco Sauce. 2. China. 3. Italy. 4. France. A group of 18,000 municipal leaders got together Aug. 18, 1889. 5. George Washington Carver. 6. Paprika. 7. The 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. At least that's one of the stories about its origin. There are similar disputes about the hot dog. 8. Cacao beans. 9. Georgia. 10. Crabmeat soup and egg nog, according to the World Almanac of Presidential Facts. And you thought I have weird tastes.

Kevin Carbery can be heard as a regular on "The Trivia Coast-To-Coast Show" from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on radio station KMOX-AM (1120).

MOVIE REVIEW

'Red Corner' gripping, straightforward

Jack Moore should have known he was headed for trouble when he gazed out the window of his limousine in Beijing's Tiananmen Square and noticed that he was being photographed by a TV surveillance camera.

Moore (Richard Gere), a high-powered lawyer, has come to Beijing to negotiate a satellite communications contract with the Chinese. On his first night out, he meets a Chinese model in a night club. They return to his hotel room for a night of passion.

In the early morning, Moore is dragged from his bed by the police. He is covered with blood, and the model has been stabbed to death. Moore is plunged into the special hell of the Chinese legal system.

Thus begins "Red Corner," part prison movie, part murder mystery, which is greatly enhanced by its reproduction of Beijing today.

It is a film so critical of the Chinese that it could not be shot in the actual locations. But director Jon Avnet was able to bootleg a week's filming amid Beijing landmarks, even a scene of lead actress Bai Ling bicycling along Tiananmen Square. The rest of the exteriors were filmed in Los Angeles on sets convincingly designed by Richard Sylbert.

Jack Moore seems doomed to execution, a process in which the victim's family must pay for the lethal bullet. Neither his company nor the American embassy offers much help. Happily for him, his case is assigned to Shen Yulin (Bai Ling), a brainy young lawyer whose father had been victimized by the Cultural Revolution.

Dubious at first, the lawyer becomes convinced of Moore's innocence and uses quirks in the legal system to spring him from jail in the daytime. The pair, accompanied by six armed guards, visit the night club and the murder scene to uncover clues that might vindicate him.

Director Avnet ("Fried Green Tomatoes," "Up Close and Personal") manages to keep the narrative flowing, and the result is a gripping drama. Robert King's screenplay presents the complex tale in straightforward style. Only in the melodramatic Perry Mason ending is credibility strained.

Gere's work in the film is heartfelt and absorbing, his best performance in years. Bai Ling, a stage and film actress in China who recently has been working in the United States, matches Gere in sincerity.

— Associated Press

'Devil's Advocate' misses the mark

Kevin Lomax lounges in a

cessless success. He's a hothead Florida lawyer who's never lost a case, no matter how guilty or insidiously evil his client may be.

And when he verbally attacks a schoolgirl testifying against the scummy teacher who had sexually molested her — and wins an acquittal for his guilty client — Lomax attracts the attention of a powerful New York law firm and its charismatic and eccentric leader. Lomax is just the kind of guy they want: a lawyer without scruples and whose unbridled ambition allows him to grab the brass ring — even if it's wrapped around someone's neck.

Taylor Hackford's "Devil's Advocate" explores the nascent vortex of evil and the universal danger of the soul. But it is as far from the rhapsodies of John Milton's 17th-century cautionary epic, "Paradise Lost," as law is from poetry.

Lomax (Keanu Reeves) leaves his Florida practice and heads with his beautiful wife Mary Ann (Charlize Theron) to New York City, not heeding the fire-and-brimstone warnings of his Bible-toting mother (Judith Ivey) who sees the Big Apple as the garden of evil

and a palace of sin.

Kevin and Mary Ann move into a tony apartment building the firm owns on the upper East Side. As Mary Ann sets to the task of decorating the million-dollar pad and shopping with other firm wives, Kevin becomes the young protégé of his boss, John Milton (Al Pacino), whose penthouse apartment consists of a large room with a bar and fireplace and not much else.

With his grasshopper eyes bulging and his mouth cranked open in a perpetual demonic grin, you quickly realize that Milton is no mere mortal.

Milton, who's already seduced Kevin by luring him to the firm, tosses other nuggets his way, including a chance for an extramarital fling. Kevin, who's a bit slow on the uptake, doesn't see Milton for who he is, even after his mother visits and recalls the moment she sees Milton's face.

But Mary Ann senses that all is not what it seems and begins a fast skid to a nervous breakdown.

Meanwhile, Kevin's courtroom capers have polished his star to a golden glow. He's especially proud to be representing real estate tycoon Alexander Cullen (Craig T.

Nelson), who is accused of a horrific triple homicide.

Cullen, of course, is as guilty as dirt. And the movie uses Cullen as the springboard for Kevin's moral choice. What will he do?

Will he go to heaven or hell?

Or is he already in hell?

And why does Milton take such an active interest in young Kevin?

You can pretty much figure out the answers for yourself long before the movie ends.

There's an emptiness to

"Devil's Advocate," a thinness that allows us to distance ourselves from Lomax and his spiritual dilemma. The tragic underpinnings of human frailties are missing from this movie, which often floats to the edges of high camp.

"Devil's Advocate" offers an excellent premise but misses the mark. Mercifully, the filmmakers do not toy with obvious associations of Milton and "Paradise Lost."

— Associated Press

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Omicron meets

The Illinois Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in the home of Ruth Stoyanoff on Oct. 1. A business meeting was conducted by President Evelyn Tolliver. Following the business meeting Ruth Stoyanoff presented a review of the book "Under the Influence" by Peter Hernon and Terry Ganey, detailing the life of the Busch dynasty. Members attending: Alice Konieczny, Pat Tsigolaroff, Arlene Halde- man, Evelyn Tolliver, Bea Brackett, Joyce Alexander, Imogene Forrest, and Lora Mae Lombardi.

Soup and salad dinner was enjoyed before the Oct. 15 meeting in the home of Alice Konieczny. Arlene Halde- man won a "Make it or Bake it" raffle, a Halloween decoration provided by Alice Konieczny. The dinner meeting was attended by Joyce Alexander, Imogene Forrest, Arlene Halde- man, Evelyn Tolliver, Pat Tsigolaroff, Lora Mae Lombardi, as well as the hostess.

On Oct. 25, Imogene Forrest, representing the sorority, presented a \$25 check to the Phoenix Crisis Center in Granite City in conjunction with the fourth annual "Make a Difference Day," sponsored by USA Weekend. She also presented the center with many children's books.

Illinois Omicron Master also lends its support to New Opportunities, Inc., River Bluff Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, The Salvation Army Tree of Lights, and the Beta Sigma Phi Disaster Relief Fund, as well as other organizations who may need help.

SOCIETY NEWS

Day camp awards



The Tri-City Area Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors recently honored two day-camp directors and their assistant for an outstanding 1997 Summer Day Camp program. Here, Director Richard Wittman congratulates day camp assistant Kathleen Stewart.



Wittman presents the award to Director Julia Devine. Participation was at an all-time high, with average daily attendance of 40 children.



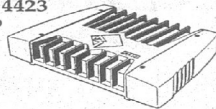
Wittman gives the award to Director Debra Scott. Activities included: field trips, sports, games, swimming, arts and crafts projects, and good old fashioned squirt gun fights.

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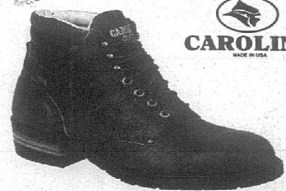
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Cocelia Herman will celebrate her birthday Nov. 27.

Delores "Jeanie" Ferguson will celebrate her 46th birthday Nov. 27.

Jessica Landman will celebrate her 9th birthday Nov. 27.

Amy (Courtis) Michaels will celebrate her birthday Nov. 28.

Sue Christopher will celebrate her birthday Nov. 29.

Chad Feeney will celebrate his 12th birthday Nov. 29.

Erica Hay will celebrate her 4th birthday Nov. 29.

Donna (Finn) Doroghazi will celebrate her 30th birthday Nov. 29.

Ervin and Eva Mueller will celebrate their 55th anniversary Nov. 29.



New members

Four new members were installed into the Granite City Rotary Club at its regular meeting Nov. 18. Shown from left: Judy Stille, retired shop owner; Regina Jones, retired school teacher; Sharon Krajcovic, branch manager; and Greg McCalley, assistant controller of Granite City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida:

David Hubert Beckner and Debra Jane Rodgers of Collinsville.

Larry Branch of Venice and Vanetta McClellan of Granite City.

David Leroy Clark and Diana Jean Williams of Collinsville.

David William Cooper and Vaneta M. Ollis of Madison.

Phillip James Copeland and Sherry Elaine Cox of Mitchell.

Patrick Shawn Cox of Fairview Heights and Darlene Susan Kombrink of Caseyville.

Leo Edgar Dugger of Bethalto and Rose Marie Gentry of Troy.

Jason Robb Dunham of East Alton and Teresa Anne White of Granite City.

Humberto Gavriel and Joyce Lorraine Rios of Granite City.

Keith Eugene Gibbs and Kembra Lynn Caraker of Collinsville.

Keith Duane Malson and Sharon Sue Keller of Glen Carbon.

Marty Marion and Nina Marie Slay of Granite City.

Jason Elliot McCluskey and Jennifer Lynne Holland of Collinsville.

Robert Mathew Mink, III and Lisa Michelle Watkins of Granite City.

Mark Richards Motley and Mary Michelle Brown of Edwardsville.

Jeffrey Gerard Noll of St. Jacob and Cynthia Kay Butler of Highland.

Kenneth Don Phillips and Cynthia Marlene Suttin of Troy.

Steven Brent Pilcher of Collinsville and Leigh Ann Feeney of Edwardsville.

William Charles Roberson and Diana Fay Morris of Maryville.

Richard Matthew Tattat of Caseyville and Regina Joanne Mims of Collinsville.

Jeffery Alan Thoman and Elizabeth Ann Beckman of Edwardsville.

Randolph Lyle Werner, Jr. and Angela Dawn Legate of Granite City.

William Kenneth Whitehead and Carrie Lynn Redick of Granite City.

Brian Douglas Willis and Denise Marie Klenke of Troy.

Michael Timothy Yarbrough and Anissa Renay Ritchie of Granite City.

Christopher Lee Bartling and Brandi Jo Diak of Granite City.

Damen Terrell Brown of Godfrey and Joy Davidson of Collinsville.

James Loy Chism, Jr. of Granite City and Melodie Rose Barnes of Maryville.

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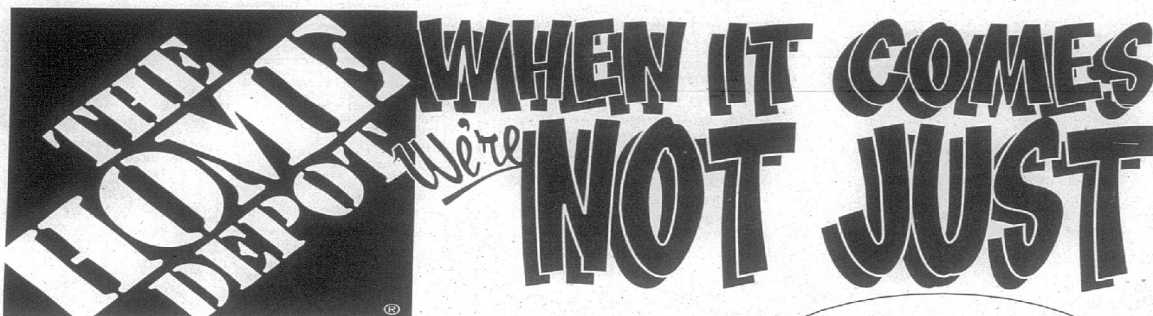
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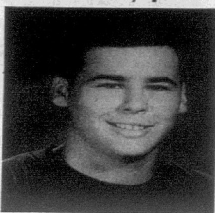
SOCIETY NEWS

Harris elected to De Molay post

Craig G. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris and a junior at Granite City High School, was elected Master Counselor of James Stuart Chapter Order of De Molay.

He and other elected and appointed officers were publicly installed Nov. 8 at the Granite City Masonic Lodge.

Installation was followed by a dance and reception. During the dance, Miss Dawn Slaggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Slaggs and a JOBS daughter will be crowned the Chapter's Sweetheart.



Garden Clubs meet for annual council day

Fifty-four members and three guests of District V Garden Clubs of Illinois met Oct. 23 at Caseyville Township Building in Fairview Heights for their annual President's Council Day.

This is a special day set aside to honor club presidents and past directors of District V. Fairview Heights Garden Club hosted the event.

Instead of a welcoming address, Nancy Wallace, president of the club, gave a tribute to Rita Kinsella by reading a poem written by her children and mourning the loss of a very talented member and friend who passed away recently.

A response was given by Dorothy Chamberlain, vice chairman of District V. District Director Marian Nelson presided over the meeting.

Nelson introduced the following past directors attending: Lillian Hoberer, Judy Iselhardt, Ruth Buesch, Mary Ellen Lindsey, Virginia Kaufhold-Bocquet, Dorothy Chamberlain, Gerry Thorp, Carol Holbert.

Each was given a beautiful red rose. A letter of regret from past director Bea Halford was read.

Nelson then introduced the presidents of the following clubs and gave each one a red rose: Cahokia Garden Club, Carl Blanche Designers, Edwardsville Garden Club, Fairview Heights Garden Club, Garden Study Garden Club, Green Oaks Garden Club, Holyday Shores Garden Club, Lakeview Garden Club, Mascoutah Garden Club, St. Clair County Garden Club, Shiloh Garden Club, Trenton Tumbleweeds and Wood River Area Garden Club.

Reports were given on important events the District has been involved in, including hosting a summer meeting of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, re-dedicating a Blue Star Memorial Marker at a rest stop on eastbound I-70 and the District's flower show.

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Neighbors banquet set

The Royal Neighbors of America, Glen Carbon Camp, will have a Christmas banquet for members and friends at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at Sandy's Kitchen on U.S. Highway 40 in St. Jacob.

Everyone attending should bring a \$5 gift for exchange. Attendance prizes will be awarded. The camp will pay \$2 toward everyone's meal which will be ordered from the menu. Reservations are required to Beverly Jones, 3178 Keebler Road, Collinsville.

Friends of Music offers house tour in December

The Friends of Music, a support organization for the department of music at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer the 10th Annual Three Holiday Musicales house tour from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7.

Participants will visit three

Edwardsville homes, decorated for the holidays, where they will hear SIUE jazz, classical and vocal music performed by music students and faculty.

Holiday refreshments will be served. Tickets for the event are \$8; proceeds support music department scholarships. For more information or to obtain tickets, call the SIUE Fine Arts box office at 692-2774, or toll-free 621-5168, Ext. 2774.

Tickets also are available at TheBANK of Edwardsville (main and Montclair facilities).

Theater company presents grumpy holiday show

"A Season for the Child" theater for younger audiences, sponsored by the Friends of Theater and Dance and TheBANK of Edwardsville, will present "Bah! Humpbug!" at 7 p.m. Dec. 13, in the Communications Building Theater at Southern Illinois University at

Edwardsville.

The Imaginary Theatre Company, the children's theater touring arm of the St. Louis Repertory Theatre, will present this holiday show based on Charles Dickens' characters from his story, "A Christmas Carol."

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Groups

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posed one member. Those receiving the pins from Granite City were Joanna Spencer, Helen Pascherer, Lynn Cooper, and Flo Stokes. Darlene Winters of Granite City received a ceramic unicorn pin, as she had proposed five new members.

A banquet was held in the evening for both the Aerie and the Auxiliary members. Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer was acknowledged as one of the fabulous fifties.

After the banquet and speeches, dancing was held.

Evening Circle
First Presbyterian Church Evening Circle met Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1997, in the home of Betty Schmedake. Chairman Gladys Fuhrman opened the meeting with prayer.

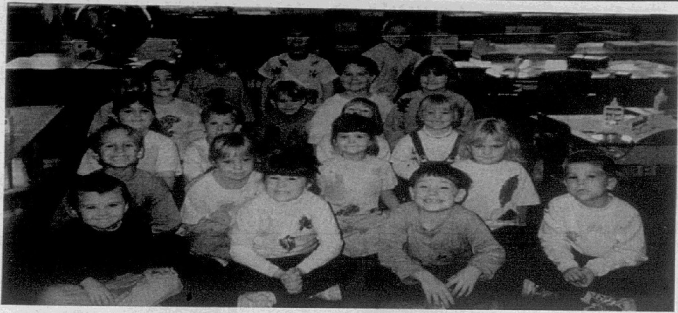
Secretary, Gladys Pape read the minutes and the treasurer's report was given.

The yearbook of prayer was read by June Jones, remembering the Presbytery of tropical Florida. Barbara Landis gave the fellowship of the least coin, entitled, "Partnership in a changing world."

The lesson, "Job-Why Ask Why?" was also presented by Barbara Landis. It emphasized that God lets us ask "why?" and takes our questions seriously. A discussion followed. The meeting closed in a circle and the members gave the Minch Benediction.

Autumn cheer

Mrs. LeVault's first-grade students pose with the fall leaves print T-shirts that they made. Mrs. Davis' and Mrs. Kocarnik's classrooms also completed this project. The Frohardt first-grade students completed many activities to welcome the fall season.



Greek council salutes members

The Greek Council of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville recently honored chapters and individual members for leadership and academic achievements during the past academic year at the 1997 Greek Awards program.

Aaron Gaskew of O'Fallon, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, was named the Outstanding Greek Council Officer of the Year, while Flora Carson of Cahokia, a member of the Delta Sigma Theta, and Maureen McGuire of Hanover Park, a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, were named Outstanding Greek Delegates of the Year.

For the second consecutive year, Delta Sigma Theta was awarded Outstanding Greek Organization of the Year, and also received the Outstanding Service Award.

The Highest Overall Grade-Point Average Award went to Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority. The two organizations also received the Most Improved Academic Achievement Award and the Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award.

The Outstanding Student Leader Award went to Grahaeme Hesp of Finmere Oxon, England, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Peggy Price of Granite City, a member of Alpha Phi.

Six fraternity and sorority members were honored for their selection in *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*: Grahaeme Hesp; Mark Hunter of Granite City; Alpha Phi Alpha; Mike Loitz of Grant Park; Phi Kappa Psi; Robert Mumphard of Edwardsville; Kappa Alpha Psi; Nicole Smith of St. Louis; Delta Sigma Theta; and Mari-

on Wilson of Cahokia, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Twenty-two outstanding undergraduate and alumni fraternity and sorority members, along with six honorary members, were initiated as charter members of the Pi Sigma chapter of The Order of Omega, national Greek honorary.

The Order of Omega inductees include:
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Rob Edwards, Chatham, Alpha Kappa Lambda
Krysti Harris, Collinsville, Alpha Sigma Tau
Grahaeme Hesp, Finmere Oxon, Sigma Phi Epsilon
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Meisha Lyons, Edwardsville, Alpha Kappa Alpha
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Amy Schutzenhofer, Fairview Heights, Alpha Sigma Tau
Alicia Skirball, Granite City, Alpha Kappa Alpha
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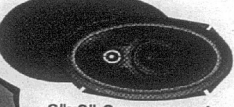
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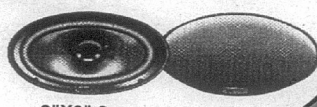
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By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

The Association for Catholic Elementary Educators is thinking of taking Archbishop Justin Rigali to court if he does not recognize the organization and grant its teachers collective bargaining.

The teachers are also asking the Catholic community to withhold all church donations until the Archbishop responds to their concerns about teachers' salaries and benefits.

"Just put the money in escrow," said Robin Helmos, president of the organization. She said this includes donations to the Archdiocese Development Appeal and the \$55 million Endowment Campaign.

Monsignor Ted Wojcicki, a spokesman for the archbishop, is asking the teachers for a little more patience. He said Rigali should have a reply by January.

"I'm reasonably sure it will give teachers a major voice in the pay and benefits process," Wojcicki said.

Some teachers, however, say they have waited long enough. "We've been on stall for nine months," Helmos said.

Last week members of the organization agreed to recruit about 200 new members by Dec. 4, bringing the group's membership to 51 percent of the elementary teachers in the archdiocese.

"We believe he would then be legally required to recognize us," Helmos said. "If he doesn't, we'll take him to court."

Helmos said she believes the teachers will be successful in obtaining 200 more signatures. But, she said, there are a lot of scared teachers out there.

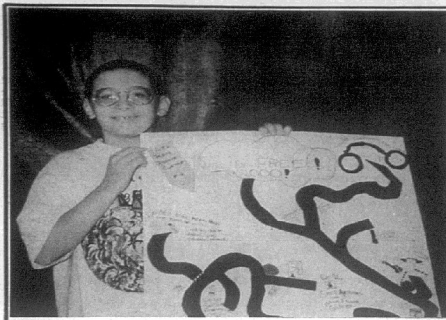
She said if they do not sign up 51 percent of all the elementary teachers in the St. Louis Archdiocese, they will concentrate on 56 schools that already have more than 50 percent membership.

"They're (the Archdiocese) always telling us that we work for the parishes," Helmos said.

Members at the 56 schools could ask their individual pastors to recognize the organization as a bargaining unit, she said. If the pastor refuses, we'll take him to court," she said.

Helmos and Darlene Huntze, both classroom teachers and members of the Association for Catholic Elementary Educators, sat on the archbishop's 17-member Commission on Parish School Teacher Relations to study how the 1,400 elementary teachers in the area's 158 Catholic schools could get higher pay and better benefits.

SCHOOL NEWS



Contest winner

Joseph Warchol, a sixth grader at Frohardt School, shows his winning Drug Free by 2000 poster. He is the son of Helena Langley.

Writers' contest offered

Friends of Lovejoy Library, a support organization for the library at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is sponsoring the fourth annual High School Writers' Contest for students in southwestern Illinois.

Contestants must be juniors or seniors or attend high school in Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery, Monroe, St. Clair or Washington counties. Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 12.

Categories include:
• Short story — any subject, 3,000 words or less, typed, double-spaced
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• Poetry — any subject, any style (rhymed or unrhymed), 40 lines or less, typed, single-spaced

Prizes in each of the three categories are: first, \$350; second, \$200; and third, \$100. All contestants will receive a certificate of recognition.

Contestants may enter only one work in each category but may enter as many categories as they wish. Entries must be original work of the contestant. Manuscripts must be typed, with pages numbered, and accompanied by a complete entry form.

The entry form must be placed in a sealed envelope with only the title of the work and the category on the outside of the envelope. That envelope and four copies of the work to be submitted must then be placed in another envelope for mailing. There must be nothing written on the four copies of the entry that could identify the author or the school from which the entry was sent.

Entries that do not comply with contest rules will be disqualified. Judges are faculty members of the SIUE department of English language and literature. All contestants will receive a certificate of recognition. Winners will be notified by April 1 and will receive their prizes by April 25.

All cash-winning entries will be printed in a booklet to be sent to authors and their schools. Additional copies will be made available for purchase. First serial rights will be retained by SIUE with one exception: entries may have been previously printed in contestants' high school newspapers or magazines. Authors retain all other rights.

For an entry form, students should see their school principals or English teachers, or call the office of the Friends of Lovejoy Library at 692-2730.

GCC students earn rewards

Four students who attended Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus have received scholarships from the Madison County Community Development Agency.

The four GCC students are Elizabeth Callender, Marguerite Fisher, Keith May and Rosalind Sterritt, all of Granite City. They are among 11 Madison County residents who have received scholarships from the development agency.

The county awards the scholarships annually through the Community Services Block Grant program, administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

University offers global business workshops in December

Three global business workshops are being offered during December at the International Trade Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

• Exporting Basics II, a hands-on workshop will help you establish export goals, identify target markets, identify

constraints and opportunities, and create an action plan. The workshop will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3. The fee is \$145, which includes a manual and template.

• Advanced Exporting I, focus on financing export sales, pricing products competitively, and assuring payments

for products. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 5. The fee is \$145, which includes a manual and supporting materials.

• Trade Leads, discuss where trade leads come from, how to respond to them, and how to use them to build your market. Registration for a free

software program will be available. The workshop will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 9. The fee is \$25, which includes resource materials. The Trade Center is located at 200 North University Park Drive, Room 1103. For additional information call the International Trade Center, 692-2929.

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St. Louis City teachers voice concerns as strike looms

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

St. Louis Public School teachers met Sunday to decide whether to give union officials authority to call a strike.

Several hundred teachers showed up at last week's board of education meeting to picket and voice their concerns to board members. Many cheered as the board was informed of today's strike vote.

"Frustrations are definitely

growing," said Sheryl Davenport, president of the St. Louis Teachers Union Local 420.

Although she said she hopes a teachers' strike is not in the future, she admits a strike looms as a possibility in the metro area's largest school district.

Teachers in the St. Louis Public Schools have been working without contracts since June 1996. They are asking for a 4 percent raise and movement on the salary scale.

"Do you want the best or do you want what you can afford?"

Sheryl Davenport
Local 420 president

At the Nov. 18 board meeting, Davenport said, "The morale of the employees of this district continues to plummet as we continue to work for employers who are not

employee-friendly." Davenport said one issue upsetting teachers is that the district does not automatically move teachers up the steps on the pay scale for years of ser-

vice. She said district teachers have received only four "step increases" in the past 15 years. So a teacher with 15 years experience could still be on the fourth step, the same level as a four-year teacher in most other districts.

Hattie Jackson, president of the school board, said the district is offering all it can afford: a 3 percent raise with no movement on the pay scale. Teachers receive more only if

they earn an advanced degree. Superintendent Cleveland Hammonds only would say the district is negotiating in good faith and that he does not want to conduct those negotiations publicly.

Although money is an important issue for the teachers, it is not the only one, Davenport said.

"We're not just upset about money," she said. "We've got schools that don't have text-

Teacher strikes illegal in Missouri

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

Although St. Louis Public School teachers may be unhappy with their pay and working conditions, many may also be reluctant to go on strike.

Striking teachers in Missouri do so in violation of the law. Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri says it is illegal for any public employee to go on strike.

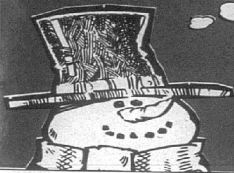
Mark VanZandt, general

counsel for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, said Missouri is not among the states with a law that gives public employees the right to strike.

Courts have interpreted Missouri law as outlawing such strikes, he said.

Although a teacher strike may be illegal, the school district and the community may find it impractical to do much about one.

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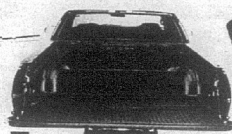
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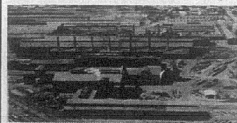
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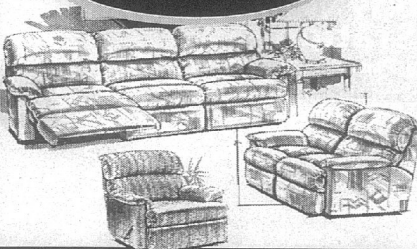
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Barbie fans add minis to collection

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

Sharon Niedringhaus of St. Ann just wanted to replace the brunette, bubble-cut Barbie she had played with as a girl. "Unfortunately, it didn't stop there," said Niedringhaus, who now has about 200 Barbie dolls.

Niedringhaus likens the hobby to a virus. "Once you have one, you have to have another, and

another," she said. "Then you have to have a car and a boat."

In addition to full-size dolls, Niedringhaus also owns a few of the miniature Barbies offered annually, for a limited time, in McDonald's Happy Meals.

McDonald's Restaurants began featuring the collectibles eight years ago.

The promotion, which also offers collectible Hot Wheels, will continue through Thursday

with a 4-inch replica of the Happy Holidays Barbie.

"The Barbie/Hot Wheels Happy Meal is one of the favorites," said Dean Dimchae, who owns and operates five North County McDonald's. "Barbies are always a favorite for the girls, and I think the moms find them pretty special, too. It seems like at times they're big kids themselves."

Niedringhaus admits displaying and playing with the Barbies is fun but that's not what

drives her.

"We (Niedringhaus and her husband) enjoy the chase — the finding of old dolls, old outfits and the little tiny pieces that go with it. We look for them when we go out of town in out-of-the-way places. It's an adventure."

Niedringhaus keeps in touch with other collectors through Fashion Doll Collectors Club. Those interested in learning more about the club can call Niedringhaus at (314) 423-8020.

Choosy kids choose different kind of Thanksgiving dinner

By Harry Colbert Jr.
Staff writer

Most of St. Louis is eagerly anticipating Thanksgiving dinner.

The turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. Peanut butter and jelly?

A Peanut Butter Thanksgiving is what a church in Fergu-

son is hosting Nov. 23.

The Ferguson United Methodist Church, 33 S. Florissant Road, is sponsoring the event to help those in need and to impress upon young parishioners the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

"We want our kids at the church to give something they like," said the Rev. Peg Stevens, pastor of the church. "Kids like peanut butter and

jelly."

Stevens said the peanut butter jars children donate will go to food pantries in the Ferguson area. She said she hopes the Peanut Butter Thanksgiving will bring out the true meaning of the holiday for both kids and adults.

"We do whatever we can to involve the children in worship," Stevens said.

The idea for the unique Thanksgiving offering came from a book she read. Emily Kates, 12, of Florissant, thinks the idea is a good one.

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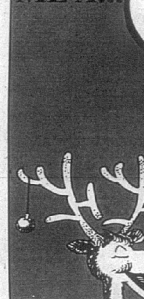
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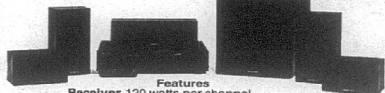
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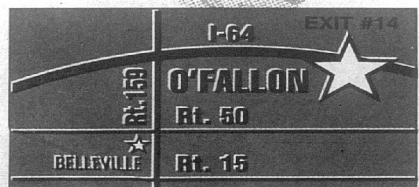
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Thursday, November 27, 1997

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VoellingerInteresting
proposals
could be on
IHSA ballot

Regardless if the Legislative Commission of the Illinois High School Association accepts the following proposals and passes them along to principals, I thought you might be interested in considering:

Proposal No. 4, from Ed Harris, principal of Edwardsville High: "Provides that a school's governing board shall have the authority to determine interscholastic contests will be conducted when school is not in session due to a strike."

No. 5, from Ron Ganschunetz, principal of Collinsville: "Grants a school which has a football game scheduled with a school which is on strike on the Monday preceding the scheduled game the option to cancel the game and schedule a game with another school. It also provides that the striking school shall not forfeit the contest and there shall be no win or loss awarded as a result of the canceled contest."

No. 7, from Greg Bradley, principal of Mt. Zion: "Provides that a transfer who is ineligible by the action of the school, from which he/she transfers shall be held ineligible at the school to which the student transfers for the duration of the penalty or a maximum of 365 days from the date of transfer, whichever comes first."

No. 8, from Bradley: "Provides that foreign exchange students may not be eligible for the IHSA state series competition."

Now for responses from a graying scribe and follower of the IHSA and member schools and athletes from several perspectives, including player, coach, parent and spectator:

Forfeits do pose a problem for schools — regardless if via strike or not. I like both ideas from the Southwestern Conference principals as much as I liked both East St. Louis schools — Lincoln and East Side — being able to play one another after the teacher's strike in that city ended.

And what's so wrong with teams scheduled to play East Side and Lincoln on the same weekend playing one another? If the good of the athletes is a concern, then let them play while the teachers are striking. However, what school board wants to take that step?

Regarding Mr. Bradley's proposals, I can only wonder what water fountain he's been drinking from. There's no way a transfer student coming from one school to another should be kept from gaining eligibility (via summer school for example). Of course, then again, maybe I'm stupid because I thought an F grade at one school meant an F at another.

The foreign exchange matter has long been a concern because of the placement of some student athletes, especially basketball players who wind up at a basketball-crazed school. The name Blab comes to mind here.

If Mr. Bradley wants such students banned from the postseason, what's the sense of having them participate in a regular season? Consider again No. 8 and realize that the IHSA governs more than just athletic activities. What happens to a foreign exchange student who wants to join a speech or debate team?

Principals are to return their ballots to the IHSA office no later than Dec. 16. How would you vote?

Warriors win second straight

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City (Illinois) Warriors inaugural season in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has opened to rave reviews.

After scuttling Collinsville 5-1 on Sept. 12, the Warriors blasted Belleville East 7-1 last Wednesday to run their record to 2-0.

The Lancers were coming off a 4-1 loss to in-town rival Althoff, and were no match for the Granite City squad.

Senior captain Vince Whittenburg broke in alone from center ice, skated to the slot area and smoked a wrist shot to beat Lancers goalie Adam Theis at the 7:50 mark of the opening period.

The lead quickly became 2-0 when Jared Brown sent an on-the-money pass cross ice to David Svezia who was slicing in on net. Svezia's blast was too hot to handle and the Warriors were in com-

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GRANITE CITY 7, BELLEVILLE EAST 1

mand 2-0.

The first period ended with Granite City holding a two goal lead and a 10-6 advantage in shots on goal.

Things grew worse quickly for the Lancers when Adam Weygant was given a double-minor penalty early in the second period.

Dustin Wesley took a sharp, backhand pass from sophomore Bobby Meszaros, who weaved through a line of defense-men, and beat Theis just seven seconds into Weygant's first penalty.

Eight seconds into the second penalty, the Warriors struck again. Vince Whittenburg scored again, also on a pass from a rushing Meszaros, and the Warriors were up 4-0.

In another bang-bang series late in the

middle period, Brown scored off his own rebound on a Granite City power play and, just 18 seconds later, Svezia scored his second goal of the game off feeds from Brown and Meszaros. The pair of scores made it a 6-0 game in Granite City's favor.

Sophomore Trevor Kaburek skated on period when Trevor Kaburek skated into the high slot area and sent a screened shot past senior goalie Robbie Slater. The period ended with The Warriors leading 6-1, and holding a 24-10 edge in shots on goal.

Sophomore Bill Ficer scored off a Wesley rebound for the only score of the third period.

After two games, the Warriors have outscored their opponents 12-2 and have outshot them 73-33.

Warriors coach Paul Solbergear was pleased with his team's performance.

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Close but still no cigar for Lady Warriors

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

"We need some success," said Lady Warriors basketball coach John Moad, after his squad lost three straight games to a trio of quality teams in last week's Chatham Glenwood Round Robin Tournament.

"Once we get that first victory under our belts, it will really help the team."

As of now, however, it's close but no cigar for GCHS.

After losing a narrow 43-39 decision to Wood River on Wednesday, the Lady Warriors opened tournament play on Friday against host Chatham Glenwood.

Granite City came out sluggish, flat and perhaps a bit nervous behind a dismal 18-4 after one quarter. But the Lady Warriors fought back with an impressive 20-point second quarter and trailed only by five at halftime.

The margin remained six to eight points until late in the fourth quarter when Granite gam-pled on their defense in an effort to make up the difference, allowing Glenwood numerous easy scores. In the end, the Lady Warriors fell 73-64 in a game much closer than the final margin indicated.

Sophomore Erika Todd stepped up with a big game for GCHS, scoring a team-best 14 points. Debra Aaron led for 10 points and swept the boards for 11 rebounds, while Jan Shanafelt netted 11 points, all at the free throw line, missing only once on the night.

As a team, the Lady Warriors sank 22 of 30 free throws, a vast improvement over a dismal 11-for-30 performance against Wood River two nights earlier.

"The team worked hard after a bad start," said Moad. "They forced a very good team to play a very good game to beat them. I was proud of them for that. They played their hearts out and never quit."

In a Saturday morning game against Bethalto to Civic Memorial, a team that had thumped them 53-25 a year ago, the Lady Warriors could overcome a disastrous second quarter, which enabled the Eagles to take command of the game, 31-20, at the half.

Aaron led the Lady Warriors attack with 15 points and eight boards while Anna Tapp, who was in foul trouble much of the game, picked up six rebounds and three points. Shanafelt scored 12 points and Todd nine as Granite City fell 56-47.

"We played three quarters very well against a pretty good team," said Moad. "We moved the ball well, we had good offensive balance, and we played great defense most of the game."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City sophomore Erika Todd led the Lady Warriors with 14 points Friday in a loss to Chatham Glenwood at the Chatham Glenwood Round Robin.

Baker will be in Madison's recipe for success

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Looking at the four other teams in the Journal coverage area, the 1997-98 high school boys basketball season remains very much a mixed bag.

Both Venice and East St. Louis Lincoln should fare better in 1997-98, but it could be a long season for both Madison and East St. Louis Senior, though the two latter could be better than people think.

Madison's Trojans lost four starters and 10 of their 14 players to graduation, and will be hard-pressed to duplicate last season's sparkling performance of a 25-7 record and a state quarterfinal appearance.

But coach Al Collins brings back 6-0 senior Maurice Baker, the premier guard in southern Illinois, who promises to be one of the most heavily recruited players in the state this season. Baker averaged 17 points per game on last year's well-balanced offensive machine, but the total is likely to jump considerably with the sensational floor-general now representing most of the Trojans' offensive attack.

If Baker gets some help, Madison could spring some surprises. And they will have that chance early in the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic, where they are playing Alton, Cahokia, Jerseyville, Granite City and Springfield Lancers.

Key games for the Trojans this year are

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against Flora (at home on Jan. 6), Pittsfield (at home on Jan. 16), Teutopolis (at home on Feb. 20), and back-to-back home games against Venice (Feb. 6) and Alton (Feb. 7). Madison also plays in the Pinckneyville Shootout on Jan. 31.

East St. Louis Senior is coming off a disappointing 7-14 season and, to make matters worse, lost the heart of its lineup to graduation. Gone are inside strongmen Spencer Hughes and Seth Kirkpatrick, along with Eddie Johnson. Also gone, with a broken knee cap and out for the season, is 6-1 senior Marcus Lee.

The Flyers' lack of height and experience — six sophomores on a 12-man squad, tallest player at 6-4 — could be a serious problem and could keep them below .500 for yet another season. But East Side may well make up for lack of overall team height with speed, quickness, exceptional leaping ability and what coach Dwight Howard calls "a great cut of kid on this year's team."

East Side faces a tough test right off the bat, participating this week in the always tough Galesburg Tournament, made even tougher this year with the addition of All-American Roderick "Baby Shaq" Thompson, a Chicago

(See BASKETBALL, Page 4B)

Comanches top Warriors
in Alton opening roundBy Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Height, plus quickness, plus 60 percent field goal shooting is a formula which usually wins basketball games.

It worked Monday night in the opening game of the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic as the Cahokia Comanches beat the Granite City Warriors 71-57.

Cahokia used the inside size and strength of DeMarcus Brown, Darren Goodwin and Tim Regan, the quickness of Aaron Blanks and Byron Gettis, and a 32-for-53 shooting performance from the field to slowly pull away from Granite City.

"We knew coming into tonight's game that Granite City had a lot of size inside that could give us some real problems," said Comanches coach Roscoe Dowell. "We knew that to win, we were going to have to get their defensive players leaning one way and take them the other. We were going to have to utilize our superior quickness. I thought we did a good job on that tonight."

The Warriors took a quick 4-0 lead and a pair of free throws and a field goal by 6-foot-5 junior center Chris Tindall, but the Comanches raced back to knot the score

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Madison falls to Redbirds

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Alton Redbirds found an effective way to stop Madison's Maurice Baker.

Baker picked up his third foul with nearly seven minutes left in the first half, picked up his fourth only eight seconds into the second half, and was gone for good with 1:27 remaining in the third quarter.

With Baker on the bench, Alton pulled away to an easy 81-58 victory Monday night in the first round of the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic.

Still, the Trojans' 6-foot-11 all-star poured in a game-high 21 points, pulled down seven rebounds, dished out two assists and had a pair of steals in only 13 minutes and 32 seconds of playing time.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ALTON 81, MADISON 58

The Redbirds outscored Madison 12-3 during the last three minutes of the first quarter to take a 28-13 lead after eight minutes. But a pair of Baker field goals to open the second period, one of them a 3-pointer, followed by a Baker assist on a Chris Henley fast break layup pulled the Trojans within 25-30 with 6:57 to play.

That's when Baker drew his third foul and headed for the bench. Alton took advantage, zooming to a 46-30 lead at intermission.

When Baker picked up his fourth foul on Alton's first offensive series of the second half, and his fifth just four minutes after re-entering the game, the outcome was obvi-

ous. The Redbirds led 61-44 at the third stop, and eased into victory lane.

"Last year, Maurice had a strong supporting cast and he was able to gamble a lot on defense," said Madison mentor Al Collins. "But he must be a bit more conservative this year. He's a marked man. Teams go after him. He is regularly double-teamed. Sometimes that frustrates him. And when it does, he sometimes tries to do too much. This year, he's got to learn to lay back a little bit."

With Baker out of the lineup, Chris Henley and Brandon Hall stepped up offensively but it was not enough to offset an potent Alton attack.

Henley scored 12 points; Hall added nine.

Comanches

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At 4-4, Granite took a 7-4 lead on a Zack May 21-footer, but Cahokia scored 10 straight points over the next three minutes to claim a 14-7 advantage. The Warriors fought back and trailed by only two (16-14) after one quarter.

Granite City took a 19-18 lead with 5:53 to play in the second period before Cahokia went on a 17-2 tear to take a 35-21 lead with 2:09 left. The Warriors never recovered.

But they also never quit. The score was 35-29 at the 7:44 mark of the third quarter when the Comanches scored 15 straight points for a commanding 50-27 lead. The Warriors fought back in the fourth minute, actually pulling within nine with 2:30 remaining. But Cahokia's free throws down the stretch sealed the win.

"Cahokia is a very good athletic team," said GCHS coach John VanBuskirk. "It's

tough to fall behind a team like them and then have to like them with the press in an attempt to catch up. But we came back in the fourth quarter. We never quit. There were a lot of negatives tonight which we have to work on correct, but there were a lot of positives as well. We want to build on those positives. We have to if we want to win."

Defensive lapses hurt the Warriors, as Granite City gave the Comanches nine lay-ups and seven slam dunks on the evening.

"We can't do that and expect to win," said VanBuskirk. "That is some of what we'll be working on before our next game."

Dustin Brewer paced the Warriors with 17 points, followed by May with 16 and Tindall with 13.

Brown's game-high 18 Reagan tallied 16, Goodwin had 14, and Blanks scored 11.

RESULTS

Cahokia 71, Granite City 57

Cahokia	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Dalmarious Brown	8	0	0	16
Tim Reagan	8	0	0	11
Dustin Brewer	8	0	1	11
Aaron Blanks	7	0	0	14
Brandon Hall	7	0	0	14
David Jones	0	0	0	0
DeAndre Harris	0	0	0	0
Alton Wright	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	0	71
Granite City	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Dustin Brewer	3	1	4	11
Chris Tindall	3	0	0	6
Brandon Hall	3	0	0	6
Dalmarious Brown	3	0	0	6
Brian Kamadulski	0	0	0	0
Matt Smith	0	0	0	0
Tim Wallace	0	0	0	0
Chris Green	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	1	4	39

Alton 81, Madison 58

Alton	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Jake Harmon	5	0	0	10
James Wheeler	5	0	0	10
Patrick Hearn	5	0	0	10
Lee Heard	0	0	0	0
Michael Hayes	0	0	0	0
DeMarko Snipes	1	0	0	2
Aaron Culbreth	1	0	0	2
Totals	21	0	0	34
Madison	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Maurice Baker	6	0	0	12
Brandon Hall	6	0	0	12
Stanley Jones	1	0	0	2
Brandon Williams	1	0	0	2
Walter Barnes	0	0	0	0
Kerwin Bonney	1	0	0	2
David Jones	0	0	0	0
Preston Brown	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0	0	28

Madison 13, 17, 14, 14 - 58

Rebounds: Maurice Baker, Madison 2; Snipes, Maurice Baker, Madison 2.

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SPORTS

•Lady Warriors

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Jessica Wallace, especially, played great defense, as she always does. We simply have to stop having one bad quarter each game. If we can put four good quarters together, we will win."

It's a fact. Change one quarter only slightly in each game of the young season, and Granite City would be 3-1 instead of 0-4.

In the Saturday night finale, the Lady Warriors met eventual tournament champ O'Fallon, and were truly outclassed for the first time on the year.

The Lady Panthers drilled Granite City 71-35, sweeping to a perfect 3-0 slate in round robin action, tested only by Chatham Glenwood.

For the Lady Warriors, who

shot only 25 percent from the field, Wallace led the way with 16 points—nearly half the Granite City point total—and Della Moore came off the bench to punch in six points and pull down a team-high seven rebounds.

"I felt we weren't mentally ready to play against O'Fallon," said Moat. "And when you come out not ready against a team of that caliber, you and in trouble early and in trouble all night. We're not far from being a good team. Once we get that first win, we should be all right."

But a first win won't come easily with Belleville East and Edwardsville both looming on the horizon. Granite City travels to Belleville on Tuesday (Dec. 2) for a date with the highly touted Lancers and then, hosts the Tigerettes two nights later.

•Basketball

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Carver transfer, to the Galesburg line-up. Other key games for the Flyers, outside of Southwestern Conference action, are home contests against Venice (Feb. 6) and Madison (Feb. 17), and an appearance in the Centralia Holiday Tournament.

The Venice Red Devils were 19-10 last season, losing to Madison in the Trenton West-Cl Regional Final. Though losing to graduation two of the top players in the area, guard Kevin Roberts and center Marcus Allen, the Red Devils return five regulars for the 1997-98 campaign, including 6-0 senior forward Jammie Edwards.

Joining Edwards, who must step up to become team leader, are 6-5 junior Charles Cotton, 6-0 sophomore LaRon Cole, 5-9 senior LaDwell Collins, and 6-2 senior Shondell Matkins. Matkins, like Edwards, is potentially one of the premier players in the region.

Venice faces a string of stiff challenges, but it's the game against Madison, Feb. 6, on the "Trojans" floor—that the Red Devils will be looking toward. Madison pulled away

in the closing seconds to edge Venice 59-54 in last year's battle.

East St. Louis Lincoln could be the cream of the area crop this year, as the Tigers return nine regulars from last year's 10-14 team. Coach Bennie Lewis, who could pick up career win No. 500 late in the season, will have ample height in 6-7 senior DeWayne Watson, 6-5 senior Ronald Madison, 6-4 junior Terrence Slater and 6-3 junior Kevin Edwards, who came on strong last year.

The Tigers should also have a good backcourt, led by multiple sport athlete Zelma Sanders (6-2 senior), Craig Brown (6-2 senior), Charles McDonald (6-1 senior) and Kevin Gilmore (5-6 senior).

Lincoln comes out of the gate in the Rock Island Thanksgiving Tournament, which annually boasts some of the state's top powerhouses. Also on tap are games against four-time defending AA state champion Peoria Manual (away on Dec. 5), Chicago Marshall (at home on Jan. 21), Cairo (on Jan. 16), and all traditional Southwestern Conference rivals except Alton and Granite City. The Tigers will play in the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday tournament.

•Hockey

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"I was concerned that we might come out flat after the very emotional first win last week over Collinsville," he said. "But the players maintained their intensity and really came out flying to start the

game.

The players executed our game plan, made some adjustments in our practice drills after evaluating last week's game. Consequently, we were able to keep the Lancers shots mainly to the outside while offensively controlling more of the face-offs."

Epilepsy Foundation targets women's health

More than half of women with epilepsy have seizures directly related to their changing hormonal cycles, according to a recent survey reported here today by the Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois.

In response to these findings, the Epilepsy Foundation of America and its network of affiliated agencies launched a three-year Campaign for Women's Health in November, which is national Epilepsy Awareness Month. The goal of the campaign is to improve the quality of life for more than a million women in the United States who have seizure disorders.

The executive director of the Belleville-based Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois, Donna Brostrom, said, "It's time that the special concerns of women with epilepsy are taken seriously and that they receive the best possible treatment. We're pleased to be a part of the Campaign for Women's Health and we encourage area women who have questions about seizure disorders to use our agency as a source of information and emotional support." Epilepsy affects more than two million individuals in the United States, divided equally among males and females.

Fifty-three percent of the women surveyed by the Epilepsy Foundation of America stated that they had experienced seizures around the time of their menstrual cycle, and 49 percent indicated that their cycles were irregular.

One-third of the women surveyed indicated that their seizures changed once they reached puberty. Other problems they reported included difficulty getting advice on contraception while taking anti-seizure medications (32 percent); hormonal problems (33 percent); changes in sexual desire (29 percent); concerns about caring for children safely (28 percent); the possibility that seizures might interfere with sexual activity (24 percent); and reproductive problems (21 percent).

The survey was conducted in

1996 and 1997 and included a national sample of 245 respondents ranging in age from 16 to 82.

The Epilepsy Foundation of America is a charitable organization of local affiliates with service offices in more than 100 communities across the country. The local affiliate agency, The Epilepsy Association of Southwestern Illinois in Belleville, serves people in St. Clair, Madison, Randolph, Monroe, Clinton, Washington and Bond Counties. The agency's counselors provide information about epilepsy and its treatment and offer support groups. For information, call 262-2018 and ask to speak to a counselor.

A Few Tips for Women With Epilepsy

• Tell your doctor if you notice a pattern to your seizures. It may be possible to reduce the number of episodes by changing when and how much medication you take.

• Don't decide against having children just because you have epilepsy. Most women with the condition can and do have normal healthy children. However, some epilepsy medications can affect the unborn child, so check with your doctor before you conceive. Certain vitamin supplements may reduce the chance of some defects. If you find that you are already pregnant, don't stop your medication on your own.

• At least one epilepsy medication is known to reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Check with your doctor before using birth control pills or implants.

• Be aware of possible changes in seizure patterns whenever you experience a shift in hormone levels, such as during pregnancy, following childbirth and at menopause. Check with your doctor for help managing the situation if the seizure pattern changes.

• Remember—you're not alone. Talk to and share experiences with other women with seizures. You may find they've developed coping strategies you can use.

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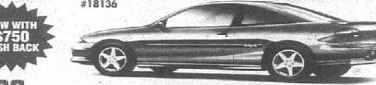
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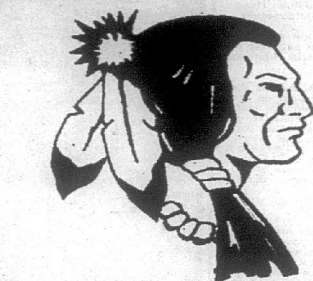
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Sat. 11/29	11:00 Madison - Alton
Sat. 11/29	7:00 Jerseyville - Alton
Tues. 12/02	6:15 Triad Home
Fri. 12/05	6:15 Edwardsville - Away
Fri. 12/12	6:15 Alton - Away
Fri. 12/19	6:15 Belleville East - Home
Sat. 12/20	6:15 Jerseyville - Away
Mon. - Wed. 12/29-31	Collinsville Holiday Tournament
Sat. 01/03	6:15 Belleville West - Home
Tue. 01/06	6:15 Civic Memorial Home
Fri. 01/09	6:15 East St. Louis - Home
Fri. 01/16	6:15 Collinsville - Away
Wed. - Sat. 01/21-24	Salem Tournament
Fri. 01/30	6:15 Edwardsville - Home
Sat. 01/31	6:15 Alton - Home
Tue. 02/06	6:15 Belleville East - Away
Fri. 02/13	6:15 Belleville West - Away
Tues. 2/17	6:15 McCluer North - Away
Fri. 02/20	6:15 East St. Louis - Away
Sat. 02/21	6:15 Collinsville - Home
Mon. - Fri. 03/02-06	I.H.S.A. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
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Wed. 11/19	6:00 Wood River - Away
Fri. - Sat. 11/21-22	TBA Chatham Glenwood Round ROB
Tues. 12/02	6:00 Belleville East - Away
Thurs. 12/04	6:15 Edwardsville - Home
Tues. 12/09	6:15 Belleville West - Home
Thurs. 12/11	4:00 Riverview Gardens - Away
Fri. 12/12	6:15 Alton - Home
Mon. 12/15	6:15 Jerseyville - Home
Tues. 12/16	6:15 East St. Louis senior - Home
Mon. - Wed. 12/29-31	TBA Mascoutah Tournament
Fri. 01/09	6:15 East St. Louis Senior - Away
Mon. 01/12	6:00 Madison - Away
Fri. 01/16	6:15 Collinsville - Home
Mon. 1/20	6:00 Mascoutah Away
Fri. 1/23	6:15 Collinsville - Away
Fri. 1/30	6:15 Edwardsville - Away
Thurs. 2/05	6:15 Belleville West - Away
Fri. 2/06	6:15 Belleville East - Away
Mon. 2/09	6:15 Alton - Away
Mon. - Thurs. 2/16-19	I.H.S.A. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
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Sat. 12/06	6:00 Alton - E. Alton
Wed. 12/10	6:15 Cahokia - Home
Wed. 12/17	6:15 Belleville Althoff - Home
Sun. 12/28	10:30 AM Bethalto E. - Alton
Sun. 1/04	7:00 Belleville West - E. Alton
Wed. 1/07	6:15 Collinsville - Home
Wed. 1/14	6:15 Belleville Althoff - Home
Wed. 1/21	6:15 Belleville East - Home
Wed. 1/28	6:15 Belleville West - Home
Sat. 2/07	6:30 Cahokia - Cahokia
Wed. 2/11	6:15 O'Fallon - Home
Wed. 1/19	7:30 Roxana - E. Alton

Granite City High School 1997-98 Boys Wrestling

Tues. 11/25	6:00 O'Fallon - Home
Wed. 11/26	6:00 Carb/Cent - Carbond.
Fri. 12/05	3:30 Edwardsville - Away
Sat. 12/06	TBA Morton - Quadrangular
Thu. 12/11	6:00 Civic Memorial - Home
Fri. 12/12	6:00 Lanphier - Quadrangular
Sat. 12/13	Francis Howell North JV Tourny
Thu. 12/18	6:00 Belleville West - Home
Sat. 12/20	9:00AM Springfield Tournament
Sat. 12/20	9:00AM Oakville JV Tournament
Mon. - Tues. 12/29-30	Granite City Holiday Tournament
Fri. 1/09	6:00 Belleville East - Away
Sat. 1/10	9:00AM Morton Tournament
Sat. 1/10	9:00AM Granite City JV Tourny
Thu. 1/15	6:00 Alton - Home
Fri./Sat. 1/16-17	5:00 Geneseo Tournament
Fri. 1/23	4:00 Jerseyville - Quadrangular
Sat. 1/24	11:00 AM Chatham Glenwood Triang.
Thru. 1/29	6:00 Cahokia - Home
Fri. 1/30	6:00 ESL/Lincoln - Home
Fri.-Sat. 2/06-07	I.H.S.A. REGIONALS & TEAM & INDIVIDUAL
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FRI.-SAT. 2/20-21	I.H.S.A. INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS
TUE. 2/24	I.H.S.A. DUAL TEAM SECTIONALS
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Mon. 11/17	6:45 McCluer North - Home
Sat. 11/22	10:00 AM Pattonville Webster
Mon. 11/24	8:45 McCluer - Home
Sat. 11/29	9:30 Hazelwood East - N. County
Mon. 12/01	8:45 Hazelwood West - Home
Mon. 12/08	8:45 Hazelwood Central - Home
Mon. 12/15	8:45 Pattonville - Home
Fri. 12/19	9:30 Dubourg - Afton
Tues. 12/23	9:30 Parkway West - Queeney
Fri. 12/26	9:45 Afton - Afton
Sat. 12/27	10:00AM Westminister - Chesterfield
Thurs. 1/01	5:45 Wentzville - Rec. Plex
Mon. 1/05	8:45 Francis Howell - Home
Sat. 1/10	9:30 McCluer North - N. County
Mon. 1/12	9:45 St. Charles West - Home
Fri. 1/23	9:30 Hazelwood West - N. County
Sun. 1/25	4:30 McCluer - N. County
Mon. 1/26	8:45 Hazelwood East - Home
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Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

PONTON BEACH'S SECOND ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, is being held for the first time at Ponton Beach from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 13, 1997, at the Ponton Beach Senior Center, 3910 Highway 111, no later than Dec. 2, at noon. You must have reservations.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Maryville and Old Alton roads.

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DANCE 7 p.m. to Midnight Nov. 22, 1997, at the KC Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road, Grant Road, Rockwood. Men, beer, soda, door prizes, contest for best western dress. Admission is \$10 per person. Call 509 Variety Shop at 931-7111. It's Showtime Video at 787-2781. Curly's Quick Shop at 931-7600, or The Party Shop at 931-3016 for more information.

Food/Nutrition

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 930 Reynolds, Madison, first Saturday of the month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kielbasa, potato, sausage and kielbasa, plum pudding, kielbasa, carryover only. Special seasonal feature: Whole plum pierogi, \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to eat. Order ahead by calling 876-8860, 876-3698, or 931-3367.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valinda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th Street and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

MORRIS CHAPMAN FOOD DRIVE, Free food for the needy, Turkey and ham, at 1561 Johnson Road, Granite City, Limited Registration, (Nov. 24-25). Delivery on Nov. 26. Call Dr. Chand's office at 452-3900.

Health/Exercise

Bemis Chiropractic, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering FREE ELECTRO-SPINAL SCREENINGS from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2273 for more information.

TOPS 2363, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-2273.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, 876-2124.

TOPS II 645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-2102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every

Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 877-2734 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS II 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Briarcliff Pentecostal Church, 1120 Pontoon Road, Granite City, downtown. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 931-3602.

ST. ANTHONY'S MEDICAL CENTER will present a free lecture on "Wellness." The lecture will be presented by Fred W. Gazon, MD, a board-certified psychiatrist on staff at St. Anthony's. The talk will give new evidence on diet, environment, vitamins, chelation, antioxidants, phytonutrients, stress, exercise, and genetics. The free lecture includes a complimentary lunch and will be from 11:30 to 1 p.m., Nov. 19, 1997, at Unity/Hiland Behavioral Health, Building A, 10020 Kennerly Road. Registration is limited, so advance registration is advised. For more information or to register, call 525-7200.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340 meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m. Refreshments served at 6 p.m. All members and guests are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, Christmas Dinner, Dinner tickets may be purchased at the A.A.R.P. Desk-Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., or at 5 p.m. before the Nov. 12, meeting. Members \$5.00, Guests \$8.00. Those 50 and over are welcome. Questions, call 877-3020.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets every 2nd a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information, call 931-2098.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, followed by a social at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., at the American Legion, 1000 N. Main, Collinsville. View Heights, Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary organization, meets over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every other month at Ravennell's Restaurant in Granite City. The next meeting will be 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Call 877-2608 for more information.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, will meet at 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 10, 1997, at the VFW Post 1250, 3225 N. Lincoln, Fairview Heights. Anyone who served in Korea from 1945 to the present, or anywhere during the Korean War Era (June 1950 to Jan. 1955) is eligible to join. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meets at 7:30 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and grandfathers are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2293.

THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLE of Central Christian Church meets every 3rd Thursday of each month, the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information and meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1508.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravennell's Restaurant in Granite City.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 908 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, at St. Peter United Church of Christ, 2901 N. Main, Granite City, 931-0443.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City, meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Friday of each month, at Third Grand Avenue in Granite City, 8 p.m. Regan, president, can be reached at 288-7268. Mary Sue Schom, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RE-

TORATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

THE EASTERN STAR CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

THE PONTON BEACH JACQUES regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Sunday of each month, at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

METRO EAST LANDLORDS' ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartwood Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m. first Monday of each month, call Beverly Zager, 246-9334.

EKKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1003, Maryville Road, 931-3557, 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, meets the first Tuesday of each month, at the American Legion, 1000 N. Main, Granite City, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157, 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Collinsville. Come join for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-0626 or 344-2888.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE) Chapter 1067 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-6450.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY, meets the first Monday of each month, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the American Legion, 1000 N. Main, Granite City, 451-5806, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1083, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 6 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1083, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

JOE'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meet at Shoney's 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

The Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of **BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 856-5630.

B.U.R.T. Bubblemasters-underwater rescue club, meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 4954 Old Alton Road next door to the Mitchell's Ice Department in Granite City. Tours are available by appointment, please call 931-8317, write to the address mentioned above.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE ALLIANCE will meet from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Milonski Room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City. For Directions and information call, 452-4883, extension 104.

Schools

SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 4559 Roslan Place, St. John, Mo. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melinda McManis at 428-0076.

Seniors

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS, meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 8 p.m., Potluck, Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES—Come and hear how Advantage gives you complete health-care coverage. You are invited to hear a presentation every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. at the Ponton Beach Senior Center, 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

EAGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS of Madison meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (near), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Ponton Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 2 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB, meets the first Sunday of the month at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. There will be bingo (first Sunday of the month). Doors open 12:30 p.m. and refreshments served at 1 p.m. games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details. Every other month, the fourth Monday there is bingo or a dance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. light refreshments served, and dance or bingo starts at 7 p.m.

SOCIAL CLUB, business meeting, 6 p.m., fourth Monday of every other, Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Dessert is served following the meeting. Games and bingo are played at 7 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

Support Groups

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, meets the second Wednesday of each month, in PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, meets the second Wednesday of each month, in PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3018.

ALANON, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 1116 Edison (side door), Granite City. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 600-3260.

ALANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center. Thursday meetings are in Conference Room. Call 463-2429 for more information.

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PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month. For information, call Roger Zollars, be, call Elaine Seary at 462-2714 or Lyle Cubberly at 876-2382.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP group meets from 7 to 8 p.m., second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in PASCAL Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Call 797-2760 or 451-0728 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

ALATEEN AND PREALTEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and preteen group, meets every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. For more information call 463-2429.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED meets the first Friday of each month (September through May), 7:30 p.m., St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 877-5172, for information.

ALANON meets at 8 p.m. every Friday in the Milonski Room in the basement of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 377-6600.

STEMMS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or drug problem, meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3018 for more information.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY meets the first Friday of each month, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, in the Milonski Room. All meetings are open to the public. For more information call the DMDD office at (314) 776-3998.

DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS will meet at three locations in the metro-area: at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church, 534 St. Louis Street, Edwardsville; at 7 p.m. every Thursday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 9501 Old Lincoln Trail, Fair-



Friendly gift
Wilma Levart received a gift friends brought to church recently on Friends Day at Johnson Road General Baptist Church. The gift was presented by the Rev. Randy Vollmar.

view Heights; and at 7 p.m. every Saturday at St. George's Episcopal Church, North High and "D" Streets, Belleville. For more information, call 632-6757, or 277-3786.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the first and third Saturday of each month, at 1307 Madison Avenue, Madison, 9:30 to 11 a.m., to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are broken — at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center, at Von John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Salem Road, St. Louis. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 842-7228.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m., third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Belleville. Meeting is free and open to 65+ patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 842-7228.

ARTRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., fourth Monday of each month, at Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1223 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking and helping behavior patterns and helping group members. For more information, call 798-3658.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 7 to 8 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Center, call 692-2197 for details.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 3 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3456.

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF MADISON COUNTY (AMI) meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 50 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call 788-3604.

CUPFUL/ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet at Market Ave. Church of God, 1505 Market Ave., East St. Louis, every fourth Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Pamela Perry at (314) 888-8031.

BETTER BREATHERS, support group of those with chronic lung condition, meets the second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 9 p.m., PASCAL Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

LUPUS RHYTHMATUS SUPPORT GROUP, a sub-group of the Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Belleville, 233-7750, ext. 5880.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 381-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the church place, call the church at 877-1936.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED/SEPARATED CATHOLICS (SID/SC) will hold their first Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the home of Marilyn Holman, 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach. For more information call 877-1936.

OLD SIX MILE MUSEUM, 327 Maryville Road, Granite City, is open to the public each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. through Dec. 15. Special tours for groups are available. Call 831-1352 to arrange a tour or call 831-1352 for more information.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 BINGO, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday, at the public each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. through Dec. 15. Special tours for groups are available. Call 831-1352 to arrange a tour or call 831-1352 for more information.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 53 will offer a service office from 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St. in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 53 AUXILIARY, 1417 19th St., Granite City, 876-7816, 8 p.m., first and third Monday of each month.

Other

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, meets 7 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at Immanuel United Church, 800 N. Main, Edwardsville.

EDWARDSVILLE KENNEL CLUB, 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, Hayes Mallory Community Building, 216 Crane St., Edwardsville, open to public.

VENICE PARK BOARD, fourth Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Venice Recreation Center, 451-7201.

CRAFT SHOW AND FLEA MARKET will be the third Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ponton Beach Senior Citizens Center, 3910 Highway 111. For more information, call 876-2515.

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JOURNAL Holiday Best Recipe Contest

Residents dish out tempting creations Suburban Journals name Metro East winners in holiday recipe contest

RECIPE CONTEST WINNERS

Overall
PAT VOSS
Belleville

Sweet Potato Casserole

Salad
Side Dish
PAT VOSS
Belleville

Sweet Potato Casserole

Entree

SHARON FERRIS
Granite City
Quick and Easy
Breakfast Casserole

Cheesecake
MONICA OTTEN
Belleville
Amaretto Cheesecake

Dessert

Lena Coulson
Collinsville
Double Layer
Pumpkin Pie

Long before the table was set for Thanksgiving Day, area residents' festive dishes and delectable desserts whetted holiday appetites with anticipation.

On Nov. 11, Viviano's Italian Restaurant in Belleville hosted the Suburban Journal Holiday Recipe Contest tasting event.

A group of 12 finalists, chosen from a wide array of entries, were chosen for this year's tasting. Recipes ranging from breakfast items to sumptuous cheesecakes made difficult choices for guest judges and delighted participants and friends who sampled the dishes.

The finalists hailed from Madison and St. Clair counties and represented their respective communities tastefully.

The culinary competition began early for some contestants who decided to take advantage of the outstanding menu offered by Viviano's. Then it was on to the contest. Family members and friends of the local chefs gathered together as John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets, Joe Viviano, proprietor of Viviano's Italian Restaurant, and Scott Mandrell, managing editor of the Illinois Suburban Journals, faced the challenge of deciding who would share the honor of being recognized as the best in their respective categories.

Four classes of recipes



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Holiday recipe contest finalists gather at Viviano's Italian restaurant in Belleville for the official tasting of their entries. From left, front row, are Betty Schlotmann, Lena Coulson, Monica Otten, Vivian Deason, Linda Bland; back row, Sharon Ferris, Virginia Kupinski, Mary Trentman, Pat Voss and Lorena Sumpter.

were considered in the Journal contest: salads and side dishes, main dish or entree, desserts and cheesecakes. Each food item was presented to the judges by its creator and then judged on appearance, flavor, ease of preparation and appropriateness to the holiday season.

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sweet potatoes, but I was surprised by how light and creamy this recipe was," O'Donnell said.

The main dish winner — Granite City's Sharon Ferris' Quick and Easy Breakfast Casserole — was unusual, as it was intended to be served at breakfast rather than as a dinner item. This fluffy egg and sausage combo edged out the other entries in this group.

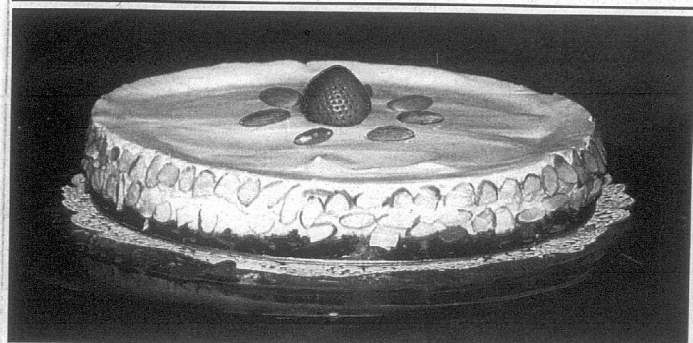
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Belleville emerged victorious for her tantalizing Amaretto Cheesecake recipe.

After the tasting, the finalists and guests were invited to sample all of the recipes. While recipes were being exchanged, O'Donnell presented each winner with a gift certificate for use in any neighborhood Schnuck's store.

In addition to winning her individual category, Voss' Sweet Potato Casserole was voted the overall winner and recognized particularly for the appropriateness of the dish to the holiday theme.



(Staff photos by T.L. WITT)

At right, overall contest winner Pat Voss of Belleville proudly displays her sweet potato casserole, which also won the side dish and salad category. Above, Monica Otten's Amaretto Cheesecake captured first place in the cheesecake category. Otten is from Belleville.

Winning Recipe

AMARETTO CHEESECAKE

Crust
1 1/2 cups crushed Oreo crumbs
1 cup finely chopped lightly toasted almonds
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
Filling
3 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup and 1 teaspoon amaretto
Topping

2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon amaretto
Garnish
Lightly toasted, slivered almonds

Crust: Combine crumbs, almonds, butter and sugar in a bowl. Press into bottom and sides of a 9- or 10-inch springform pan. Line the bottom of the even with foil to catch the drips.
Filling: Cream cheese and sugar together in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add cream at a time, beating well after each addition. Add cream and amaretto. Beat until

light. Pour into crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes on a wire rack. The filling will not be set.

Topping: Combine sour cream, sugar and amaretto. Spread evenly on cake. Bake 5 to 10 minutes. Top will still be jiggy in center. Cool completely on wire rack. Cover lightly and chill overnight. Remove from springform pan.

Garnish: Place almond slivers around outside edge of top of cake.

Serves 10 to 14 people. Preparation time is approximately 20 minutes.

Monica Otten
Belleville



Overall Winner

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

3 cups cooked mashed sweet potatoes or canned sweet potatoes, drained and mashed
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter or oleo, softened
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup evaporated milk
For Topping:
3/4 cup light brown sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or oleo, softened
1 cup pecan halves

Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, salt and evaporated milk, mixing until creamy. Transfer mixture to a buttered 1 1/2-quart casse-

role dish.
For topping: Combine brown sugar, flour butter and pecans. Crumble mixture by hand and spread over sweet potato mixture. Bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until topping is golden brown and mixture is heated through. Yield 8-10 servings.

Pat Voss
Belleville

Today's Food

Winning Salad-Side Dish Recipes

HOSPIN

This dish is appropriate at Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter when ham is a traditional entree.

Hospin is a corn meal mush made from ham drippings (which are usually discarded) and spices which after cooking is placed in a mixing bowl to solidify then sliced and fried. A great breakfast meal.

The basis of this recipe is to determine a measurement of drippings from your baked ham.

Any type of ham may be cooked — boneless, partial boneless or bone-in ham. (It is our belief that any meat dish is improved when cooked from meat which has the bone intact so we prefer bone-in ham. Plus...what can be better than a ham bone with some meat attached cooked in a pot of Great Northern beans as a bonus meal.)

As there are several ways to bake a ham, we will suggest the two most popular ways and the amount of dripping from each.

1. The ham is wrapped in aluminum foil and baked until done. The juices from this method is all retained because there is no area for evaporation. When ham is cooked this way simply measure all liquid in pan for the basic ingredient of Hospin.

2. The ham is placed on a rack in a shallow pan and baked uncovered until done. In this method a portion of the dripping will evaporate in cooking and what is left will be a much richer broth.

Before measuring this drippings the moisture lost in cooking must be returned to the basic ingredient. We have found $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of broth and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water to make about the right mixture. (If the remaining drippings are exceptionally rich, $\frac{1}{2}$ broth and $\frac{1}{2}$ water would be best.)

Now that we have a measurement of the basic ingre-

dient (ham juice) we are ready to make Hospin. The

simple recipe is:

- 3 cups of water
- 1 tablespoon ground sage
- $\frac{1}{2}$ dried red pepper each
- about 2 inches long or cut pepper into small pieces with scissors OR
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of crushed red pepper (more or less pepper may be used to fit individual taste)
- salt to taste (some hams are more salty than others)
- 1 cup yellow corn meal (plain corn meal, please)

Put ham juice and 2 of the 3 cups of water, sage, pepper and salt in a large pan and bring to a boil. Boil for 5 minutes stirring occasionally.

In a pitcher place the remaining cup of water and the cup of corn meal and mix until meal is completely moist.

After your ham juice mixture has cooked the required

time slowly pour corn meal and water mixture into boiling juice stirring continuously. This mixture will cook (stirring constantly at slow boil for 7 minutes. As it becomes thick, small bubbles which look like miniature volcanoes will come to the surface. It is best to wear long gloves while stirring to prevent burns.

When cooking is complete mixture should be extremely stiff and hard to stir. If not — add a little more corn meal and cook a little longer.

Now pour the completed Hospin into a mixing bowl and set aside to cool and solidify.

Turn hardened mixture onto slicing board or plate and slice into $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch slices the amount you wish to cook. Wrap remainder in aluminum foil and place in frig. Will keep two to three weeks. Fry slices in small amount of oil (bacon grease) on medium to high temp until light brown on both sides.

Alvin Edwards
Madison

HOLIDAY VEGGIE SALAD

- Combine in large bowl:
- 1 can french style green beans (drained)
- 1 can baby peas (drained)
- 1 can white shoe peg corn (drained)
- 1 green pepper (chopped fine)
- 4 pieces celery (chopped fine)

- 1 onion (chopped fine)
- 2 Tablespoons red bell pepper (chopped fine)
- Dressing
- Mix well in bowl
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salad oil
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon salt

Pour liquid over vegetables. Let set overnight covered before serving.

Lorene Sumpter
Granite City



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)
Pat Voss of Belleville, left, receives a gift certificate from John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets.

Winning Dessert Recipes



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Lena Coulson of Collinsville gets her certificate from O'Donnell for her Double Layer Pumpkin Pie recipe.

CRANBERRY COFFEE CAKE

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, creamed with
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- fold in
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- add
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cranberries cut up, (or $\frac{1}{2}$ pkg or 6 ounce berries cut in half)
- Place in 9x13 pan
- Topping
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup nuts (I like pecan pieces)

Sprinkle topping over dough and bake in 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes.

Keeps well and freezes well.

Betty Schlomann
Collinsville

BURGUNDY BERRY HOLIDAY MOLD

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup burgundy wine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons whole cloves
- 4 sticks cinnamon (2-inch each)
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lemon juice
- 1 3-ounce raspberry flavored gelatin
- 1 6-ounce can frozen concentrated cranberry juice cocktail

DOUBLE LAYER PUMPKIN PIE

- 1 3-ounce Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese (softened)
- 1 tablespoon Half and Half
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups Cool Whip topping (thawed)
- 1 prepared graham cracker crust
- 1 cup cold Half and Half

- 1 pound Hickory Farms of Ohio cream cheese cut into chunks (or regular cream cheese)
- 1 12-ounce frozen red raspberries (about 2 cups)
- Romaine leaves

Combine wine, sugar and spices in covered saucepan and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat and strain. Add raspberry gelatin and stir.

Soften unflavored gelatin in orange and lemon juice. Add to hot wine mixture. Add concentrated cranberry juice. Stir until dissolved.

Place $\frac{1}{4}$ cup liquid in blender with cream cheese. Whip until smooth and creamy. Set aside. Add raspberries to remaining liquid. Pour into 8 cup gelatin mold, lightly oiled. Chill mixture till it mounds. Gently stir to distribute raspberries. Refrigerate until almost set. Pour cream cheese mixture over gelatin. Chill until set.

To serve, unmold on bed of romaine leaves. Makes 10-12 servings. It really isn't too complicated to make and well worth the effort.

Vivian Deason
Collinsville

into mixing bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk until well blended, 1-2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes or until well thickened.

Stir in pumpkin and spices. Spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Garnish with additional topping or whipped cream or chocolate dipped pecan halves. Serves 8. Prep time: 15 minutes.

Lena Coulson
Collinsville

Winning Entree Recipes

PASTA WITH PEPPERY BEEF AND VEGETABLES

- 4 ounces spaghetti
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (optional)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup snow peas
- 1 cup mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- $\frac{3}{4}$ pound flank steak, cut against the grain into bite size pieces.

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and keep warm.

Combine cornstarch, soy sauce, red pepper, black pepper and cold water. Set aside.

Spray wok or skillet with non-stick vegetable spray. Stir-fry garlic over medium high heat 30 seconds. Add green pepper, snow peas and mushrooms. Stir-fry 1-2 minute. Remove vegetables and set aside.

Add oil and stir-fry beef 3-4 minutes. Add cornstarch mixture, stirring constantly until thick and bubbly. Return vegetables to mixture and stir 1 minute. Toss with spaghetti. Serves 2.

Sharon Ferris
Granite City

ILLINOIS PORK KRAUT BALLS

- For pork balls
- 1 pound hot pork sausage
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped onion
- 8 ounces cream cheese (softened)
- 4 tablespoons bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 4 tablespoons parsley
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 pounds sauerkraut (chopped and blotted dry)

- For coating
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 2 to 3 cups bread crumbs
- oil for frying

Mix all pork ball ingredients together with fork or hand. Roll into walnut-size balls. Roll into flour.

Mix milk with beaten eggs. Dip flour balls into egg mixture, then into crumbs and again in flour.

Heat about 5 inches of oil in pan. Drop 8-10 balls into pan at a time. Fry until brown. Remove and drain on paper towels.

These can be kept in crock until serving. Preparation time: about 40 minutes.

Mary Trentman
Mascoutah

QUICK AND EASY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 4 slices bread
- 1 pound, cooked, drained sausage
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard (optional)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- dash of pepper

Tear up bread (any kind) and place in greased 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Brown and drain sausage in a skillet. Spoon sausage over bread. Sprinkle with cheese, set aside.

Beat together eggs, milk, salt, pepper and mustard (if desired). Pour mixture over sausage mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. The cheese will rise to the top.

Serves 6-8 people. Could be made the night before, covered, refrigerated and baked the next morning.

This is a great dish to make for Christmas Day. I make it the night before and put it in the refrigerator. While the kids are opening gifts, the dish is cooking. This is really a quick and delicious dish.

Sharon Ferris
Granite City



(Staff photos by T.L. WITT)

Above, Milnot provided a large quantity of their product to the participants. "I'll take some," said Mary Trentman of Mascoutah, "I love to bake." From left are Monica Otten, Lena Coulson, Sharon Ferris and Pat Voss. At right, Sharon Ferris of Granite City receives her certificate from O'Donnell for her Quick and Easy Breakfast Casserole.





(Staff photos by T.L. WITT) Above, Monica Otten and her daughter, Mackenzie, serve judge Joe Viviano a slice of prize-winning cheesecake. At left, Otten receives her certificate from John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets. Below, Virginia Kupinski's Holiday Cheesecake.



Winning Cheesecake Recipes

TURTLE PECAN CHEESECAKE

Crust
1½ cups crushed chocolate cookies
4 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

In a one-quart mixing bowl, mix the above ingredients until well blended. Press into the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan.

Cake
24 ounces cream cheese, softened
4 egg whites

1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, beat egg whites until stiff; gradually add sugar and mix until blended. Add cream cheese, one third at a time, and beat until smooth. Add vanilla and mix. Pour mixture over unbaked crust. Bake 45-50 minutes at 350 degrees or until a knife inserted in middle of cake comes out clean. Cool.

Garnish
Sprinkle 1 cup toasted and coarsely chopped pecans over cheesecake and drizzle caramel topping and chocolate topping over top of pecans.

Caramel Topping
20 light vanilla caramels
1 or 2 tablespoons milk

Melt caramels with milk over low heat. Stir until smooth.

Chocolate Topping

½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon butter or margarine

Melt chocolate chips with butter and milk over low heat. Stir until smooth.

Linda Bland
Maryville

AMARETTO CHEESECAKE

Crust
1½ cups crushed Oreo crumbs
1 cup finely chopped lightly toasted almonds
½ cup butter, softened
½ cup sugar
Filling
3 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
½ cup heavy cream
½ cup and 1 teaspoon amaretto

Topping
2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon amaretto
Lightly toasted, slivered almonds

Crust: Combine crumbs, almonds, butter and sugar in a bowl. Press into bottom and sides of a 9- or 10-inch springform pan. Line the bottom of the even with foil to catch the drips.

Filling: Cream cheese and sugar together in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after

each addition. Add cream and amaretto. Beat until light. Pour into crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes on a wire rack. The filling will not be set.

Topping: Combine sour cream, sugar and amaretto. Spread evenly on cake. Bake 5 to 10 minutes. Top will still be jiggly in center. Cool completely on wire rack. Cover lightly and chill overnight. Remove from springform pan.

Garnish: Place almond slivers around outside edge of top of cake.

Monica Otten
Belleville

HOLIDAY CHEESECAKE

3 8-ounce pkgs cream cheese
1 cup sugar
5 eggs, large, whole

1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl, place cream cheese. Add sugar and beat with a mixer. Adding eggs one at a time beating after each addition. Add vanilla. Place into 10 inch pie plate. Bake at 325 degrees for approximately 60 minutes or

until cake tester comes clean. Cool and refrigerate 2 hours. Serve. Can decorate with whipped cream and marichino cherries.

Virginia Kupinski
Collinsville



(Staff photos by T.L. WITT) At left, Vivian Deason cuts her Burgundy Berry Holiday Mold. Far left, from left, John O'Donnell of Schnuck's Markets, Scott Mandrell, managing editor of the Illinois Suburban Journals and Joe Viviano, proprietor of Viviano's Italian Restaurant, faced the challenge of deciding who would share the honor of being recognized as the best in their respective categories.

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Today's Food

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There is a holiday brunch at grandma's house with food and decorations part of the ritual. And the beat goes on. In spite of time being short, the family will

celebrate over dinner at another relative's home.

Many families are recreating rituals to fit the fast pace of the '90s. Le Sueur, traditionally known for peas, want to know what traditions and customs families are absorbing or creating.

tablespoon water and 1 teaspoon vanilla until dough forms.

Divide dough in half. Roll 1/8-inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut in desired shapes with cookie cutters.

Place on ungreased cookie

ing to cherish and pass on to future generations.

It may be strictly for family or related to a favorite food. Maybe the family donates time to a soup kitchen on Thanksgiving or plants a tree on the birth of a child.

sheet. Bake in preheated 350° oven 8 to 10 minutes until edges are light brown.

Remove from cookie sheet. Cool completely. Frost or glaze. Decorate, if desired. Makes about 5 dozen (2-inch) cookies.

As part of celebrating this holiday season, Le Sueur is holding a Pass the Tradition Contest.

One family will win an eight-day family reunion in Orlando, Fla., with accommodations at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin and passes to Walt

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To enter the contest, describe the family tradition in 50 words or less on a sheet of paper. Mail it, with name, address and phone number to: Le Sueur

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For a complete list of rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the same address, allowing three weeks for delivery.

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Using fork, stir together 1 package pie crust mix, 1 cup confectioner's sugar and 1/2 teaspoon baking soda until blended. Stir in 1 egg, 1

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Heart-y Bites

By TERRI EDELSTEIN

Healthy intentions fill tin of seasonal food fun

The holiday season is a time for celebrating, socializing, giving, receiving and eating. Halls everywhere are decked with edible goodies. Maintaining a healthy eating lifestyle is hard enough for many people, even without visions of sugarplums dancing around every corner.

To avoid getting caught in the chorus, here are suggestions to help ring in a healthy new year:

- If the long-term goal is weight reduction, you might choose to put that on hold until after the holidays. Temporarily amend your goal to maintaining current weight.

- Do not skip meals. This can lead to overeating later.

- Vow to eat at least five fruits and vegetables every day. Try something new, like seasonal chestnuts.

- Make low-fat substitutions in recipes. Use yolk-free egg products and evaporated skim milk in the eggnog recipe. Cut the fat in half in your special turkey stuffing.

- Hide tempting treats. Double-wrap those cookies and stack them way back in the cupboard or freezer.

- Keep food records. Write down every morsel you put in your mouth every day. This helps you think before taking that extra handful of party mix.

- Exercise! Skate, sled, ski, dance, even shop. Walk

around the perimeter of the mall a few times before making purchases. This is a terrific way to burn off holiday stress, too.

- Plan ahead. On a calendar, mark all the holiday meals and parties to be attended. On tempting days, plan to eat lightly at other meals to balance fat and calories in party food. Try to predict what might be served and how much of it you will have.

- Portion size counts. Everyone deserves to eat some favorite holiday foods. Just limit the amount of high-fat items you choose and fill in the gaps with vegetables, fruits and grains. Go easy on seconds.

- Drink plenty of low-calorie fluids. Water, tea, club soda and other low-calorie liquids are filling, leaving less room and desire for food. Sip fat-free flavored coffee for dessert.

- When asked to bring a dish, bring one low in fat. Surprisingly, many others will appreciate lighter foods amid a sea of richness.

- Stand away from the buffet. Socialize, but do it from another part of the room.

- Tend toward teetotaling. Alcohol contributes a large number of calories to the party total. If a drink is important to your socializing, alternate alcohol between low-calorie, non-alcoholic beverages.

- Accept food gifts graciously. Share fat-laden tokens with others. Freeze less-healthy food gifts to be enjoyed in small portions later.

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This class provides eight hours of in-depth preparation for labor and birth, including breathing and relaxation exercises. Options for you and your baby's care at Memorial Maternity Center will be shared to help make your birth a personalized and positive experience. Participants are encouraged to register before the fifth month of pregnancy and attendance is limited to those delivering at Memorial. There is a \$25 per couple fee. Call 257-5855 for class dates and times.

Childbirth Refresher Class

The Childbirth Refresher Class is designed to give experienced parents updated information about the latest trends in labor, delivery and newborn care. Limited to those who will deliver at Memorial, this class is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. \$5 per couple fee. For more information, call 257-5855.

Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Class

This class addresses questions about vaginal births after cesarean (VBAC) and why VBAC's can be safer than repeat cesarean deliveries for both mother and baby. You also will learn how to maximize your chances of having a vaginal birth. Class meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It is free to those attending Prepared Childbirth or Refresher Classes (we strongly recommend attending these as well) or \$5 fee per couple if not taking these classes. Call 257-5855 to register.

Baby Care and Parenting Classes

This two-session program teaches you how to care for, play with and protect your infant from birth to age 12 months. Topics presented include: newborn care, infant feeding, baby bathing, when to call the

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Sibling Class

Memorial Maternity Center offers a Sibling Class to make it easier for big brothers and sisters to prepare for and accept a new baby. This class is designed for children ages 3 through 12 and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Limited to children whose sibling will be born at Memorial Maternity Center. \$2 per child fee. Class size is limited and reservations are requested. Call 257-5855.

New Family Night

Once you have a baby, take time for an informal evening out. Meet with other new parents and a registered nurse to discuss

parenting concerns and have questions answered. Held 7-8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Infants welcome; \$5 per couple. Call 257-5855 to register.

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

This class is designed to provide vital information to those who are considering breastfeeding their baby. The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. This class has a \$5 fee per couple. Both parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 257-5855.

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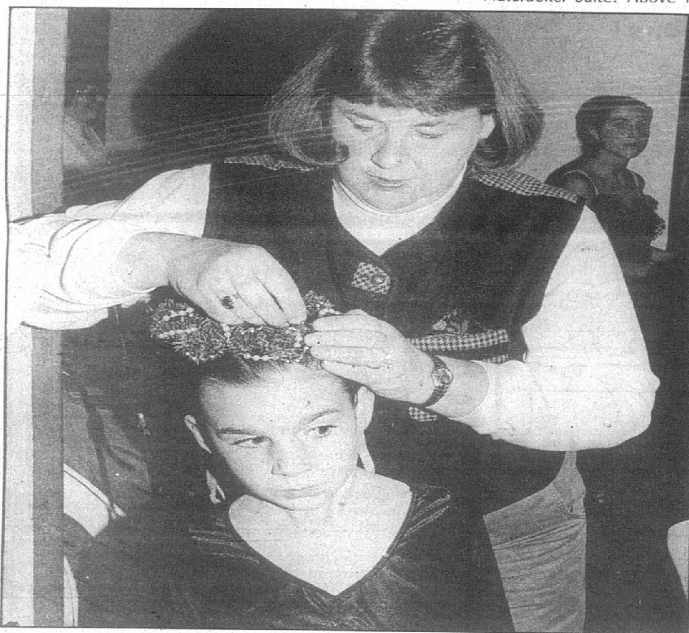
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Above, Taran Holdener, Lauren Bieri, Clarissa Ries and Jonathon Sala rehearse for the Nutcracker Suite. Above left, Katie Thurman twirls her ribbon in Act II.



Above, one of the performers from The Belleville School of Ballet gets her hair fixed. At right top, Cassie Zuger, left, concentrates on the opening of Act II. At right, Tiffany Moll shows off her form in Act II. Patti Woods Harrington is director and owner of the school. The school is located at 310 E. Main St.



Retirement community services encourage independence

Retirement communities are increasing in number throughout the country and the Midwest is certainly no exception. The advancing technologies in health-care services, healthier lifestyles, and early retiree have all contributed to living longer and healthier lives than past generations. The average American will live an additional 15 years after retiring, and the market is definitely reaching out to them.

Retirement communities vary greatly, but have some basic similarities. Most communities consist of independent apartments. Like any apartment complex, residents drive their own cars, cook their own food, do their own shopping and live independently from each other. Many retirement communities offer services on the premises to encourage independence. Necessary services like transportation, a dining room, maid and linen services are available to those who may not drive or simply do not wish to cook for

themselves. Security is another asset that most retirement communities offer. Patrolled grounds or locked doors limit accessibility and require outsiders to enter through a manned entrance.

On the other hand, some communities practice an everything-under-one-roof philosophy. Their goal is to be able to provide everything that is necessary and accessibility to everything else. These retirement communities emphasize visits, educational health-care services. Communities with a holistic approach present services for the mind, body, and soul. They have educational programs, speakers, and libraries. They encourage exercise, good diet, and fitness prevention. They offer multiple levels of health-care services. Spiritual needs are addressed according to one's own beliefs, through both ecumenical services and mass.

Retirement complexes offer a wide variety of social interaction and entertainment. They have planned trips to cultural events, such as plays, the art museum or fun outings to a gambling boat or to a Cardinals game. The company is great and transportation is free. Don't feel like going out? There is plenty happening on the grounds: crafts, billiards, card games, or committees to join. If you are a loner, enjoy a stroll on beautiful secure grounds or spent the afternoon in the library.

Health and independence are closely linked. Caring for one's own health needs is essential to maintaining independence. Retirement communities realize this association and plan programs and services to maintain residents' health. Dietitians plan well-balanced menus, exercise and dance classes are available, and educational speakers present updates on wellness issues. Some have nurses' clinics, to supply information and answer health related questions, or assist in monitoring hypertension or diabetes.

Other communities associate with a home health agency to provide needed temporary in-home services.

A number of differing levels of health-care services exist. A skilled nursing unit is licensed to provide 24-hour skilled nursing services. Advanced health-care services may be available, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapies. Equally important is wound care, insulin regulation, or any service requiring licensed health-care professionals. Skilled nursing facilities are beneficial in recovery situations, such as a fractured hip or CVA, commonly referred to as a stroke. In fact, much of the care that was provided in hospitals in the past is now provided in skilled nursing facilities.

The shift in care providers was initiated by Medicare limitations on both the allowable number of hospital days and

the reimbursement that hospitals receive. Some hospitals have responded by building or turning a part of the hospital into skilled nursing facilities in order to provide continued care. Even in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare reimbursement requires that the condition for which treatment is provided meets certain criteria and funding is limited to a maximum of 100 days. Nationally, Medicare pays less than 2 percent of all nursing home care.

Several communities have a skilled nursing facility attached to their independent apartments. However, a growing number of individuals are somewhere in between, not requiring 24-hour nursing care, but needing a little assistance maintaining their independence. Surprisingly, an extra hand with a bath or a simple medication reminder enables many to maintain their independence, in their own apartment.

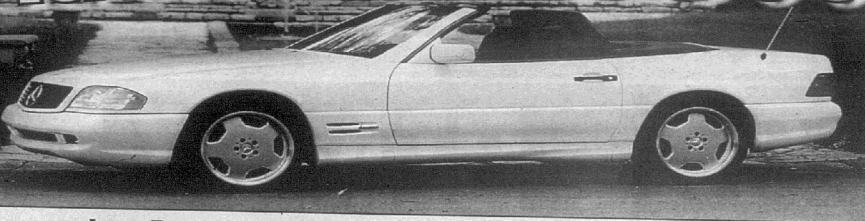
There are many advantages

to selecting a retirement community that offers the entire spectrum of services. Even if a particular service is not currently needed, it is reassuring to know that the services are available. Couples benefit by offering assistance to the care giving spouse. Residents have the freedom to move back and forth from one level of service to another without moving away from friends or their spouse. Multiple care level complexes encourage individuals to maintain the highest level of independence possible.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Mercedes-Benz SL500



Mercedes-Benz SL500 is traditional luxury roadster

By Tom Strongman

Even though it is not as cheeky as the little SLK, the other Mercedes-Benz roadster, the SL series, is an eminently enjoyable two-seater loaded with luxury and panache. SLs come in three flavors - 320, 500 and 600 - and their power plants range from a six for the 320 to a V-12 for the 600. I drove an SL500 equipped with a 5.0-liter V-8 engine and the optional Sport package of 18-inch wheels and more-aggressive front and rear spoilers designed by AMA, a German after-market company with close ties to Mercedes. This package adds \$4,900 to the already hefty base price of \$89,900, putting the total price on par with a three-bedroom house in suburbia.

While that is out of reach for the majority of us, the privileged folks who buy SLs don't have to worry about the monthly payment or cost of insurance. To them, this car competes with summer homes or yachts.

Decked out in white paint as stark as a refrigerator, with huge tires and ground-effects spoilers, our test car had the stance of a ballet dancer on steroids. Its muscles rippled, and it looked like it could gobble up the pavement without breathing hard. The Sport package looked a bit too conspicuous in white and I frequently caught people staring at me. If you prefer a lower profile, choose the standard model or else pick a dark color.

Tromp the throttle and the 315 horses respond with authority. It is clearly more of a high-speed touring car than a drag racer because it gathers speed elegantly, deliber-

ately, as one would expect of a luxury car that weighs more than 4,000 pounds. On the highway it motors along with such assurance that you have to consciously reign it back to keep from zooming well past the speed limit.

When I drove the SL500 the weather was still warm, and it was most enjoyable to drop the top, put up the windows, and motor. The wind-blocking screen that folds up behind the seats kills much of the turbulence that otherwise would buffet the passenger cabin.

While the SL doesn't have the razor-sharp responses or punishing ride of an all-out sports car, its handling is considerably sportier than a boulevard cruiser, due mainly to the prodigious grip of the high-performance tires and 18-inch wheels. When the road is twisting and you have the top down, it is a joy.

Putting the top down is absolutely painless. On the console there is a red knob that looks like a miniature model of the top. One touch is all it takes for the top to completely retract and fold itself under a hard cover. It takes only a few seconds for you to enjoy the freshness of top-down motoring.

Inside, leather abounds, and the seats are as comfortable as orthopedic shoes. The instrument layout is the same as every Mercedes, which is to say logical, readable and oriented toward making the driver's job easy. Secondary controls for radio and climate control can be a tad cryptic, but are easily figured out.

An occupancy sensor in the right seat deactivates the passenger-side air bag when it detects less than 26 pounds in the seat.

Given this car's price and stature, nearly every imaginable convenience item is standard, from 10-way electric seats to headlight washers and a roll bar that pops into place in a third of a second should you tip over.

Both front and side air bags are standard, as are traction control and anti-lock brakes. The keyless remote vehicle-security system uses infrared light so thieves cannot snatch the radio signals with a scanner.

Driving at night was a joy because of the optional Xenon headlights, whose blue-white color illuminates the darkness much better than standard bulbs. At \$950, they are an expensive option, but they last longer than regular lights and provide much better vision.

It has been 40 years since Mercedes-Benz introduced the first 300SL roadster, a car now hailed as a landmark classic. Whether the SL500 will fall into the same category remains to be seen, but it has earned a respected place in the company's history.

The base price of our test car was \$89,900. Extra-cost items included a CD changer, Xenon headlights and the Sport package. The sticker price was \$98,510.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: The SL500 is a classic roadster with the refinement of a luxury sedan and the performance of a grand touring car. The automatic top is painless and the seats are as comfortable as your favorite pair of shoes.

SUVs made huge impact on auto industry

By Rick Stoff

What will the next hot vehicle be? It could be anyone's guess.

Fifteen years ago, who would have imagined that something like the minivan would become the hottest new vehicle type in decades? Chrysler Corp. did, and its success with the minivan helped immeasurably in keeping the company viable.

As the 1990s dawned, who could have imagined the impact that the sport-utility vehicle would make on the automotive industry? Many of them don't carry as many people or as much cargo as a minivan. They deliver less fuel economy, may have a bouncier ride and cost more.

Sure, when they are in four-wheel-drive they can crawl up muddy mountain roads, but how often is that dilemma encountered between here and Belleville or Ballwin?

But they sure do look cool, and deliver an image that may be desirable just because it makes an anti-minivan statement.

In the 1997 model year Americans purchased more than 2.6 million vehicles that could be classified as sport-utility vehicles - approximately one of every six new vehicles bought. They ranged from basic Jeep Wranglers to the high-end Jeep Grand Cherokee, high-volume Ford Explorers and Chevy Blazers and high-dollar Chevy Suburbans and Ford Expeditions.

The top three chassis alone accounted for more than a million sales in the 1997 model year.

The Ford Explorer/Mercury Mountaineer cousins were among the best-selling vehicles overall last year, with 431,795 units rolling out of factories as fast as they could be put together. The Jeep Grand Cherokee, which once had the market nearly all to itself, finished a robust second with 367,609 sales. General Motors' middle-of-the-road sport-utility, sold as the Chevrolet Blazer, GMC Jimmy and Oldsmobile Bravada, sold 336,750 copies.

And still more companies are introducing products for the niche to join an already crowded field. Mercedes-Benz just climbed on the bandwagon. Who could be next? Porsche and Cadillac? Yes, actually 1/2 the automotive magazines carry rumors that these companies are mulling sport-utility concepts.

Industry analysts expect there will be 6 million of the critters on the road by the end of the decade. As a result, the current era is the first in ages that the average fuel economy of the American fleet is climbing rather than shrinking. The Sierra Club blames America's current taste for heavier sport-utility vehicles and pickup trucks for raising the fuel economy of recent new vehicles to 24.6 miles per gallon, down from 25.9 mpg a decade ago.

In addition, the first high-volume production years are already a couple of years back, meaning the first flood of used and off-lease sport-utilities soon will arrive in the "pre-owned" market. That gives buyers the option of buying a used high-end vehicle rather than an entry- or mid-level selection. It's getting to be a buyer's market, whether you go off the road or not.

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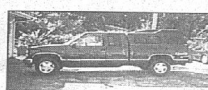
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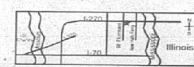


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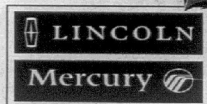
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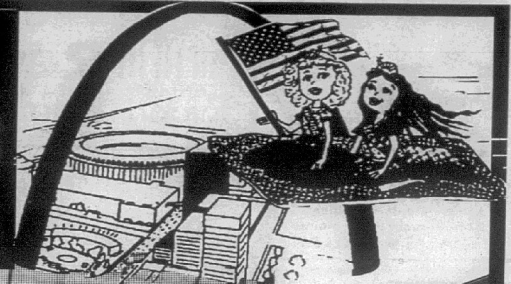
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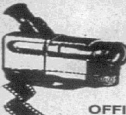
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Antique tree ornaments drawing interest

As an alternative to mass-produced, store-bought ornaments, many people are returning to the look of antique Christmas ornaments.

"Serious ornament collectors will buy these all year round," said Sherry Kuykendall, owner of the Maryville Antique Mall.

"But we always have people at Christmas who are interested in adding to a collection of antique ornaments."

What has also boosted the market for antique ornaments, especially the hand-blown glass ornaments that began to appear in the mid-1800's in Europe, are the innovative

ways they are being used in current magazines.

"Some people want solid color ornaments and some want the multi-colored," Kuykendall said. "Some still use them on trees while others like to experiment and use them in glass bowls like they see in Martha Stewart."

"What we have seen lately is the return of the popularity of the silver trees with the revolving colored lights from the 50s and 60s," she said.

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Some involved in the downtown Granite City Christmas project are, from left, Brad Eavenson, chairwoman Judy Whitaker, and co-chairwoman Roberta Barham; and back row, Mike Gerbec, Judy Knapp, Ed Kirby and Rosemarie Brown.

Downtown will shine

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A city festooned with colorful lights and decorations can add greatly to the holiday season.

Several Granite City merchants and business owners want to make the downtown area shine this year, and have already started gathering lights and decorations in preparation for the arrival of Santa Claus.

The jolly old elf himself is coming to town the day after Christmas, and Santa's Holiday Avenue will be ready for him. (See SHINE, Page 10D)

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The History Of Santa Claus



Santa Claus has been around for a long, long time. But how did people start to know about Santa Claus? Why is Santa called Jolly Old St. Nicholas? Did he always put presents under Christmas trees?

Long ago, in a land which is now called Turkey, there was a bishop named Nicholas. Nicholas lived in the fourth century A.D. He was very wealthy and generous, and he loved to make children happy. Often, he would give gifts to very poor children—sometimes by throwing them into their windows!

After Nicholas died, he was canonized as a saint. His feast day is December 6—a holiday in many countries. He is the patron saint of children and seafarers. In the Netherlands, the saint's name, Sinter Nikolaas, became shortened to Sinter Klaas. And as Dutch people immigrated to the United States, the name evolved into what it is today—Santa Claus!

The Dutch Saint Nicholas also wore a beard and a red cloak trimmed with white fur. Saint Nicholas left gifts for good children in their shoes—not under trees or in stockings, as he does today.

The tradition of having a Christmas tree in the house comes from a different part of the world—Germany. Since the Middle Ages, or perhaps before, trees have been thought to be good luck. Whenever someone would start to build a house, a small evergreen tree would be nailed to one of the tallest beams. Gradually, this tradition came to be repeated at Christmas time, by bringing a small tree into the house and decorating it. As German immigrants came to the United States, they brought with them the tradition of Christmas trees.

Suburban Journals



A glimpse back in time

Museum displays look at Christmases of old

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

Collinsville Historical Museum
and the Madison County
Historical Museum in
Edwardsville, will provide a

Two local museums, the

glimpse of Christmas past in
seasonal displays this year.

Holiday visitors to the
Collinsville Historical Museum
can see how early Christmas
trees were decorated with this
year's exhibit, "It's An Old
Fashioned Tree."

"We decorated a seven-foot
artificial pine using popcorn,
bread ornaments, wooden
beads and paper ornaments we
made about 10 years ago,"
said Floyd Sperino, co-curator
of the museum. The tree
includes old fashioned clip
candles, the original method of
lighting the tree.

"The standard equipment in
those days were two buckets of
water," Sperino said. "It
wasn't a very safe way to light
the tree."

The tree will will be
displayed with a remnant of
the facade of the old
Look-Dilliard home.

The new tree display joins
authentic sleigh bells and a
dyed goose quill Christmas
tree brought from Europe at
the turn of the century, both
on permanent display, and a
collection of old Christmas
postcards.

Of special interest to
children is a collection of the
museum's antique toys.

"We always look forward to
lots of children visitors to our
museum," said Sperino.

"Maybe by looking at how
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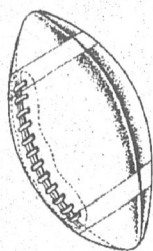
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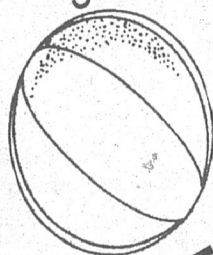
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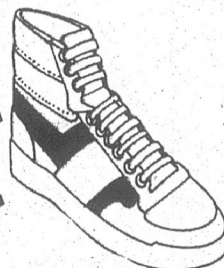
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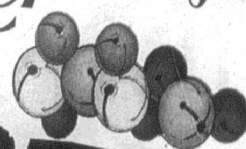
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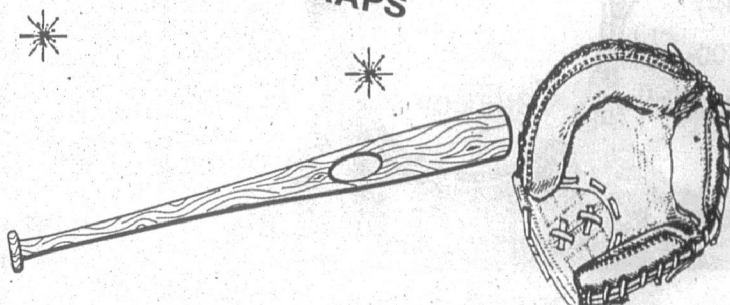
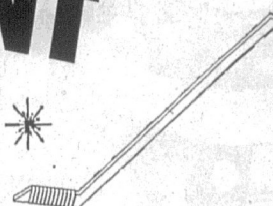
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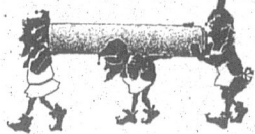
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Holiday contest planned

By Jason White
Staff writer

The holiday season will be observed in a variety of ways in Alorton, Cahokia, Centreville, Dupo and East St. Louis.

Each year, the village of Alorton encourages December decorating.

"For the last five or six years, the village has a contest going for the person with the most unique or beautiful decoration," Mayor Callie Mobley said.

The contest starts on Dec. 1, and the best decoration is judged on Dec. 23. Centreville Meat Market supplies the prizes for contest winners.

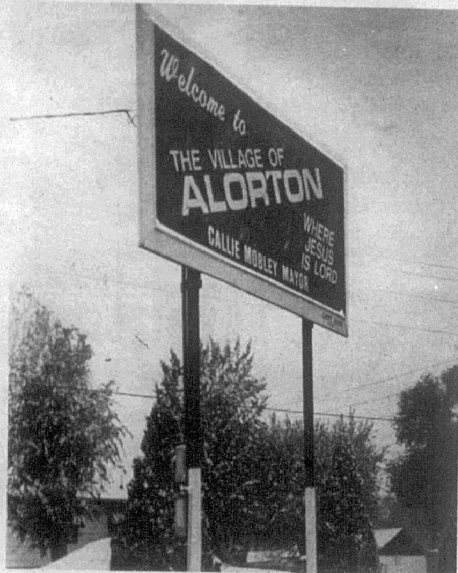
"It really enhances the look of the village during the Christmas season," Mobley said. "It draws a lot of attention from people."

In addition to the contest, the village also decorates near the large "Welcome to Alorton" sign at Missouri Avenue and 42nd Street.

Cahokia Community Basket is currently accepting applications for Christmas Baskets, a program to provide extra food for the needy during the holidays.

This year, the 15-year-old program has been expanded to include Cahokia, Dupo, East Carondelet and Sauget. Applications will be accepted Nov. 20-26 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

The Community Basket distributes commodities for



(Staff photo by JASON WHITE)

The season's first snowfall blankets Alorton's welcome sign at Missouri Avenue and 42nd Street. In December, the village decorates the sign and also holds a contest for the best decorations. The best time to view the decorations is the week before Christmas.

the village of Cahokia, co-director Audrey Lourwood said.

To receive a basket, residents must have proof of residence and must meet income requirements. For information, call 337-1580.

For 17 years, Friends of Daugherty Public Library have sponsored Breakfast With Santa in Dupo.

Santa will arrive from the North Pole at 9 a.m. Dec. 6 at the VFW Sugarloaf Hall in Dupo. He will scarf down a continental breakfast and distribute several prizes.

"A lucky winner gets to ride with Santa on a Dupo fire truck," said Leslie Sopp,

organizer of the event.

Tickets are available at Daugherty Public Library. For information, call 286-4444.

In East St. Louis, the Bakari Institute will hold the only seven-day Kwanzaa celebration on either side of the river.

The event will be from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 at Metropolitan Community College in East St. Louis. Each night will feature traditional African dances, poetry recitations and oral tributes to people, places and events.

For information, call 414-0202.

Don't delay on holiday mail

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When it comes to Christmas mail — especially packages — mailing early is still the best advice.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, catalogs and advertisements will be overflowing mail boxes everywhere. Then the orders, the packages themselves, and a sea of red and green Christmas cards.

To ensure everything gets to the proper destination, Charlie Parkinson, postmaster at the Granite City Post Office, said customers need to remember to mail their packages and letters as early as possible.

Packages can be sent by parcel post up to Dec. 15, but to ensure delivery after that date they have to be sent by priority mail. Parkinson said the Post Office has a pretty good reputation for delivery after Dec. 15, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

"You'd rather spend a little extra money to get it there by Christmas than to disappoint the grandkids," he said.

Parkinson said things really get going around Thanksgiving.

Christmas cards create special problems.

Because of the bright colors — red and green being the favorite — the cards have to be sorted by hand.

"It's not the size, but the color of the envelopes," Parkinson said. "We use a lot of machinery today with optical character readers."

The character readers can deal with lighter shades, but dark reds and greens do not provide enough contrast with the writing, so those letters are kicked out and have to be sorted by hand.

"If it's a really dark color, that really slows it down," he said.

When shipping packages, Parkinson said to:

- Make sure the return address is inside the package, in case the address on the outside of the package is damaged.
- Do not use string; use heavy duty packing tape.
- For fragile items, wrap them in newspaper, bubble wrap or packing peanuts.
- Use good solid cardboard boxes.

•Shine

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"The main goal is to decorate the park area across from the YMCA," said Judy Whitaker, who is city clerk for Granite City and serving as chairwoman for Santa's Holiday Avenue. The group wants to show area children a good, family Christmas.

Merchants, especially those

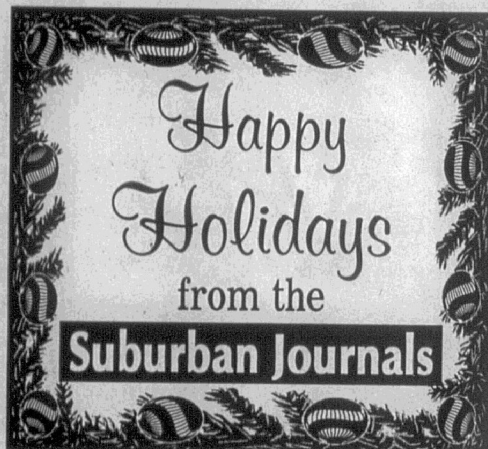
along Neidringhaus Avenue near the park and city hall, will decorate their businesses. The plan is to for the park to be lit with hundreds of lights that will run down Neidringhaus and 19th Street and all around City Hall.

The group succeeded in securing \$10,000 in city tax increment financing funds to use as seed money to which merchants and other interested parties are encouraged to donate.

When a merchant donates to the Santa Avenue fund to purchase a Christmas season scene, the merchant or business name will be placed on that scene, Whitaker said.

She said the Santa House, where St. Nick will set up shop for visitors, will be ready for Santa the day after Thanksgiving.

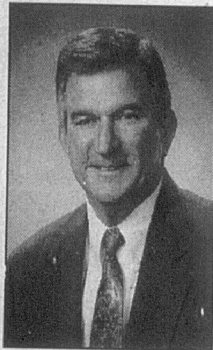
A parade welcoming Santa will start at Granite City High School and end at the park on Neidringhaus Avenue. The Lions Club will offer holiday photographs for \$5 each of children posing with Santa. Carriage rides will also be offered.



Happy Holidays

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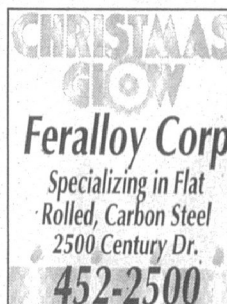
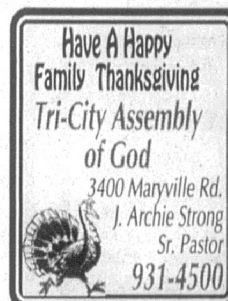


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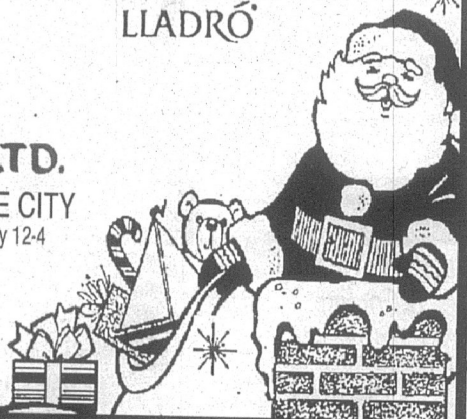
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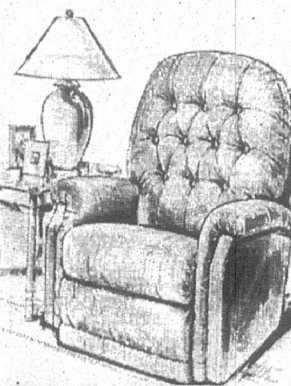
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